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OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

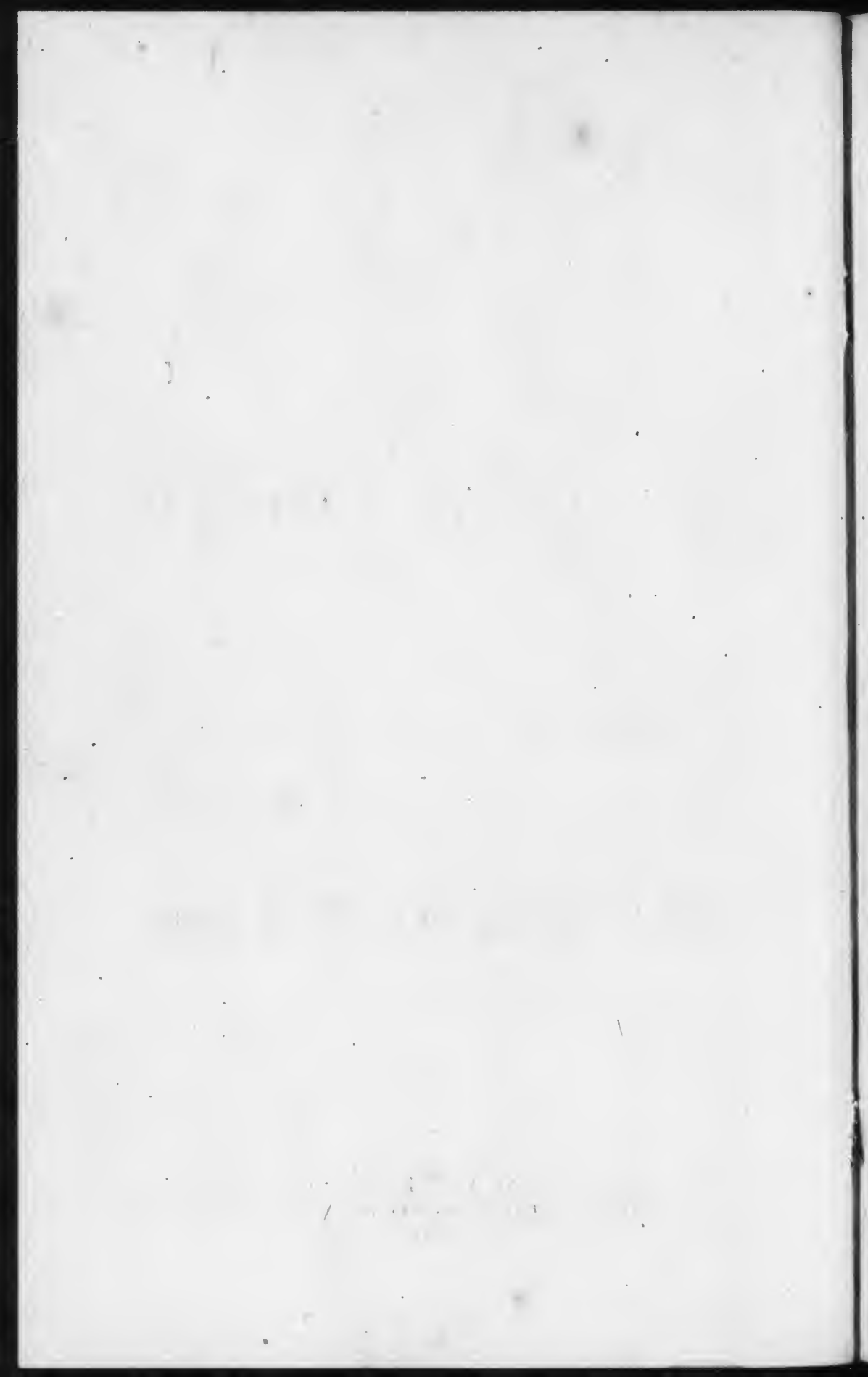
OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

HELD AT FAIRFIELD, IOWA, SEPT. 5th---10th, 1877.

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L. O. Housel, J. C. Kendrick.

III. MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS.

COMMITTEE OF EXAMINATION.

<i>First Year.</i>	<i>Second Year.</i>	<i>Third Year.</i>	<i>Fourth Year.</i>
C. S. Cooper,	Geo. W. Byrkit,	W.H.H. Pillsbury,	J. G. Barton,
Geo. Nulton,	S. R. Ferguson,	T. J. Myers.	T. Stephenson.
E. J. Pike.	A. R. Jones.	E. L. Schreiner.	L. O. Housel.

Candidates for Admission on Trial.—J. M. Coats, C. R. Norton, Geo. M. Tuttle.

For Local Deacons' and Elders' Orders.—R. J. Kenyon, A. Robinson, C. P. Reynolds.

Annual Missionary Sermon.—T. E. Corkhill; Alternate, T. C. Miller.

IV. TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

I. IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

TRUSTEES.

First Class—(1874-78). Geo. N. Power, I. P. Peter, John Wheeler, *Geo. Haw, *M. M. Walden, A. M. Antrobus.

Second Class—(1875-79). I. A. Bradrick, W. F. Cowles, H. Ambler, *W. A. Work, Charles Snider, Miss Phoebe L. Elliot.

Third Class—(1876-80). J. W. McDonald, J. B. Blakeney, E. L. Briggs, B. Mark, *J. T. Hackworth, F. T. Campbell.

Fourth Class—(1877-81). *Hon. James Harlan, *W. J. Spaulding, *E. L. Penn, *T. E. Corkhill, *D. C. Smith, *W. I. Babb.

VISITORS.

To Iowa Wesleyan University.—J. C. W. Coxe, J. T. Simmons, H. E. Wing, A. McClintock, John Haynes, D. H. Emery, Geo. W. Byrkit, W. H. Pillsbury, D. Murphy.

To Garrett Biblical Institute.—S. S. Murphy, J. T. Simmons.

Those marked [*] were elected this year.

V. DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1.—Have any entered the Conference by transfer or re-admission?

J. W. Hugins, from the West Virginia Conference.

QUESTION 2.—Who are admitted on trial?

James F. Robertson, Coleson D. Fawcett, Sebern S. Martin, William I. Graham, Joseph A. Cook, Silas T. Ludwick, Frank W. Adams—7.

QUESTION 3.—Who remain on trial?

None.

QUESTION 4.—Who are admitted into full connection?

Jacob H. Hard, Willey R. Stryker—2.

QUESTION 5.—Who are the Deacons of the first class?

Jacob H. Hard, Willey R. Stryker—2.

QUESTION 6.—Who are the Deacons of the second class?

William M. Groom, W. S. Hurt, A. Kershaw, D. A. Watters, A. C. Keeler—5.

QUESTION 7.—Who have been elected and ordained Elders ?

Robert A. Carnine, Lauren O. Housel, James Hunter, Charles M. Montgomery, H. E. Pugh, Americus V. Kendrick, Henry E. Wing—7.

QUESTION 8.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers ?

Marcus Carrier, Jas. S. Rankin, Wm. Poston, E. H. Waring, J. P. Rice, Geo. Swanston, W. S. Hurt—7.

QUESTION 9.—Who are the Superannuated Preachers ?

John Burgess, John Harris, John Hayden, James Haynes, B. Holland, A. W. Johnson, T. M. Kirkpatrick, J. H. McCutcheon, Joseph McDowell, R. S. Robinson, H. Runyan, A. W. Stryker, L. C. Woodford, E. W. Twining, S. Hestwood—15.

QUESTION 10.—Was the character of each Preacher examined ?

This was strictly attended to in the usual form.

QUESTION 11.—Have any located ?

W. A. Presson, J. R. Noble, John Elrod, J. T. McFarland—4.

QUESTION 12.—Have any withdrawn ?

A. J. Belknap—1.

QUESTION 13.—Have any been transferred, and to what Conference ?
None.

QUESTION 14.—Have any been expelled ?

R. Stephenson.

QUESTION 15.—Have any died ?

Minister, Eli H. Coddington—1. *Ministers' Wives*, Mrs. D. B. Smith. Mrs. Harriet H. Gassner—2.

QUESTION 16.—What is the Statistical Report ?

Membership—Probationers, 1,447 ; full members, 20,416 ; local preachers, 186—total, 22,049. Total last year, 21,072 ; increase, 977. For details see tables.

QUESTION 17.—What are the claims upon the Conference funds ?

Of superannuates, \$2 850 ; of widows and orphans, \$3,200—total, \$6,050.

QUESTION 18.—What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied ?

Received from chartered fund, \$10.00 ; from collections, \$827.25—total, \$837.25. For details see Steward's Report.

QUESTION 19.—Where are the Preachers stationed ?

See Appointments.

QUESTION 20.—Where and when shall the next Conference be held ?

At Brooklyn. Time not given.

QUESTION 21.—Have any Local Preachers been ordained ?

Deacons John Butler, W. I. Graham—2.

QUESTION 22.—Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of the Conference, and what is their condition ?

Iowa Wesleyan University. See report of Trustees, Visitors and Committee on Education.

QUESTION 23.—Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension ?

See list of Officers and Managers of Conference Societies.

VI. JOURNAL OF THE CONFERENCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

FIRST DAY.

FAIRFIELD, IOWA, Sept. 5, 1877—9 A. M.

The Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its Thirty-fourth Session in the First M. E. Church at Fairfield, Iowa, September 5, at 9 A. M., Bishop Edward R. Ames in the Chair.

The session was opened with appropriate religious services, conducted by A. Robineon, consisting of reading the 46th Psalm, singing the 707th hymn, beginning, "And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?" and prayer.

The Bishop then proceeded with the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The roll of the Conference was then called by the former Secretary, and the following members answered to their names, viz: Allender, Bamford, Barton, Bevan, Blakeney, Bradrick, Briggs, Brown, Busby, Byrkit, Carnine, Carroll, Chaffin, Cheney, C. B. Clark, Coleman, Cooper, Corkhill, Cowles, Coxe, Craig, Evans, S. R. Ferguson, Freeland, Gassner, Groom, Haines, Hardy, John Haynes, Hill, Holtzinger, Honn, Housel, Hunter, Johnson, Jones, Karns, Keeler, Kemble, A. V. Kendrick, Kershaw, Kirkpatrick, Light, Mann, Mark, McClintock, McDonald, McDowell, Michener, T. C. Miller, W. I. Miller, Monroe, Montgomery, Morey, D. Murphy, S. S. Murphy, Myers, Norton, Orr, Patterson, Pike, Pillsbury, Potter, Power, Pugh, Reynolds, A. Robinson, J. W. Robinson, Sampson, Schreiner, See, Shane, Shelton, Shepherd, Simmons, D. C. Smith, U. B. Smith, W. H. H. Smith, Spaulding, Stafford, R. Stephenson, T. Stephenson, Swanston, Teter, Thomas, Thompson, Thorn, Tuttle, Twining, Watters, Wells, Wheeler, Willey, Wing, Wright.—Total, 95.

Geo. N. Power was then re-elected Secretary, and H. E. Wing, C. L. Stafford, J. W. Cheney, T. J. Myers and C. W. Shepherd were elected Assistant Secretaries.

The bar of the Conference was fixed by a line running across the church from the rear of the large side windows.

The hour of meeting was fixed at 8:30 A. M., and of adjournment at 12 M.

A draft on the Chartered Fund for \$30 was ordered.

The transfer of J. W. Hugins from the West Virginia Conference was announced, and he was introduced to the Conference.

The usual standing committees were ordered, and were constituted by nomination and the vote of the Conference, as follows:

Agent of the Publication Fund—Geo. N. Power,

Auditing Committee.—John Haynes, N. Wells, B. F. Karns.

Bible Cause—J. G. Thompson, J. S. Freeland, D. C. Bevan, T. C. Miller, John Potter, J. T. Coleman.

Book and Periodical Accounts—L. C. Carroll, S. S. Murphy, U. B. Smith, L. O. Housel, J. Gassner, J. G. Barton.

Education—J. C. W. Coxe, J. T. Simmons, W. J. Spaulding, A. McClintock, John Haynes, B. F. Shane, T. E. Corkhill, John Wheeler.

Freedman's Aid—C. Montgomery, C. B. Clark, C. S. Cooper, W. G. Thorn, R. J. Kenyon, A. R. Jones

Memoirs—Geo. N. Power, T. E. Corkhill, J. W. Chaffin.

Necessitous Cases—The Stewards.

Periodicals—J. W. Wright, G. M. Tuttle, C. P. Reynolds, J. B. Hardy, I. P. Teter, J. Davis

Post Offices—A. C. Keeler, A. W. Haines, J. M. Mann, J. C. Kendrick, G. H. Clark, J. H. Hard

Public Worship—The Pastor of the First M. E. Church at Fairfield and the Presiding Elder of Mt. Pleasant District

Observance of the Sabbath—J. Hunter, F. W. Evans, A. V. Kendrick, A. R. Carnine, J. Craig, J. W. McDonald

Episcopal Fund—G. W. Byrkit, E. L. Briggs, E. P. Michener, W. H. H. Smith, R. B. Allender.

State of the Church—I. N. Busby, W. M. Groom, W. H. Honn, W. H. H. Pillsbury, G. W. F. Willey, G. Nulton

Sunday Schools—The Officers and Managers of the Conference Board

Temperance—G. Swanston, J. M. Coots, O. C. Shelton, E. Sampson, J. S. Ferguson, T. E. Corkhill, John Haynes, W. H. H. Pillsbury

Tracts—W. I. Miller, S. R. Ferguson, S. H. Thomas

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—T. Stephenson, C. L. Stafford, J. C. Brown, C. R. Norton, J. L. King, D. A. Watters

State of the Country—F. W. Evans, D. Murphy, W. E. Presson, A. V. Francis, E. J. Pike, J. W. McDonald.

Tobacco—J. B. Hardy, P. F. Holtzinger, W. R. Stryker, W. M. Groom, N. Wells, I. P. Teter.

New York Accounts—A. W. Haines.

Receive Educational Collections—E. L. Briggs.

A communication from Garrett Biblical Institute was presented by the Bishop and passed to the Committee on Education.

Also, one from the Agents of the Book Concern in the interests of the Episcopal Fund, which was read.

Report of the General Book Committee was read and placed on file.

J. H. Cameron, of the St. Louis Depository, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interests of the Book Concern.

On motion of W. F. Cowles, a committee was ordered to inquire what action, if any, is required in the case of H. E. Wing. Geo. N. Power, A. Robinson, T. E. Corkhill, E. L. Briggs and Geo. W. Byrkit were appointed by the chair.

On motion of J. B. Blakeney, a committee of trial in the case of Robert Stephenson was ordered, and the following persons were appointed by the Chair: O. C. Shelton, O. P. Light, I. P. Teter, C. S. Jennis, C. Morey, J. C. Brown, R. B. Allender, N. Wells, W. H. H. Pillsbury. A. Robinson was appointed to preside, and J. C. W. Coxe to appear for the Church.

The following brethren were introduced to the Conference, viz: Drs. J. P. Newman, Pastor of Metropolitan Church, Washington City; Wm. F. King, President of Cornell College; and Rev. Carson Reed, Pastor of Presbyterian Church, Fairfield.

The following resolution, introduced by D. Murphy, was adopted:

WHEREAS, There are moneys collected in the Sunday schools of the Iowa Conference for the Missionary cause during each ecclesiastical year, retained by the Treasurer of the Sunday schools, and not reported the year in which they were collected; and,

WHEREAS, There is urgent demand for an increase in the Missionary treasury; therefore,

Resolved. That the Pastors of the charges where such moneys are held, together with the Presiding Elder of the District, with the Missionary Treasurer, be instructed to make a demand for such moneys, that they may be reported the year in which they were raised.

On motion of J. G. Barton, the members of the Conference in reporting their Missionary collections are required to give the apportionment to the charge, with the amount raised the past and present year.

The Tenth Question was taken up, and the names of the effective Elders were called. J. B. Blakeney represented the Burlington District, was represented by the preachers and passed. The following Elders were represented and passed: J. C. W. Coxe, C. B. Clark, C. L. Stafford, O. C. Shelton, J. Craig, A. Robinson, J. E. Pike, I. N. Busby, M. Bamford, J. C. Kendrick, G. M. Tuttle, S. S. Murphy, O. P. Light, G. W. Byrkit, J. G. Thompson, P. F. Holtzinger, J. R. Noble.

On motion of J. B. Blakeney, J. R. Noble was granted a supernumerary relation.

John Wheeler represented Keokuk District by a written report, and his character passed.

The following Elders were represented and passed: J. T. Simmons, A. W. Haines, J. W. Cheney, E. L. Schreiner, J. W. Wright, T. Stephenson, G. W. Swanston, J. P. Rice, J. S. Freeland, W. E. Patterson.

On motion of Dr. Wheeler, J. P. Rice and Geo. W. Swanston were granted a supernumerary relation at their request.

The time having expired, the session was closed with the doxology, and the benediction by Dr. Newman.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6th, 1877.

The Conference met at 8:30 A. M., the Bishop in the chair. The religious services were conducted by T. E. Corkhill.

The roll of absentees was called, and D. C. Bevan, J. Burgess, G. W. Clark, J. Davis, S. Hestwood, C. S. Jennis, R. J. Kenyon, J. L. King, J. M. Mann, W. I. Miller and R. S. Robinson answered to their names—12, leaving twenty-six still absent.

The further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Tenth Question was resumed. W. F. Cowles made a statement of the Mount Pleasant District; he was represented and passed. F. W. Evans, R. B. Allender, J. B. Hill, J. T. Coleman, J. L. King, John Davis, N. Wells, J. S. Ferguson, J. Gassner, G. H. Clarke, C. S. Cooper, J. W. Chaffin, W. I. Miller, G. F. W. Willey and W. J. Spaulding were represented and passed.

I. A. Bradrick represented the Muscatine District, was himself represented and passed. The following Elders of the District were represented and passed: Geo. N. Power, A. V. Francis, R. J. Kenyon, C. S. Jennis, U. B. Smith, E. Sampson, D. C. Bevan, J. B. Hardy, W. H. Honn, A. McClintock, S. Hestwood, B. F. Karns, J. M. Mann and E. L. Briggs.

D. C. Smith presented a written report of the condition of Oskaloosa District, was represented and passed. W. H. H. Pillsbury, D. Murphy, W. G. Thorn, J. R. Reasoner, J. C. Brown, C. Morey, S. R. Ferguson, B. F. Shane, T. C. Miller, C. P. Reynolds, J. M. Coats, E. P. Michener and J. W. Robinson were represented and passed.

B. Mark represented Ottumwa District, was represented by the preachers and passed. The following Elders were represented and passed: J. W. McDonald, I. P. Teter, John Haynes, W. H. H. Smith, Geo. Nulton, C. W. Shepherd, T. E. Corkhill, A. R. Jones, C. R. Norton, T. J. Myers, J. G. Barton, W. A. Presson, John Orr, John Potter and I. O. Kemble.

The Ninth Question, viz: "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was considered. The following brethren were represented, passed, and their relation continued: John Hayden, B. Holland, A. W. Johnson, J. H. McCutchen, Joseph McDowell, R. S. Robinson, H. Runyan, A. W.

Stryker, L. C. Woodford, John Burgess, James Haynes, John Harris and T. M. Kirkpatrick.

Rev. Eli H. Coddington was represented as having died in great peace, July 30th, 1877.

The Eighth Question, viz: "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up.

On motion of J. T. Simmons, a committee to consider the proper relation of the supernumerary members of this Conference and report at this session was appointed, as follows: S. S. Murphy, E. L. Briggs, R. B. Allender, C. P. Reynolds, J. T. Simmons, J. W. McDonald.

The following brethren were introduced to the Conference: W. F. Paxton, of the Upper Iowa Conference; J. F. Thompson, of Montevideo, South American Mission; A. S. Wells, of the Congregational Church; Profs. Armstrong and McCalla, of Parsons College.

On motion of W. F. Cowles, J. T. Simmons, R. B. Allender and J. G. Barton were appointed a committee on State camp meeting and grounds; W. F. Cowles and I. P. Teter were added.

By request of prosecution, Dr. McDonald was appointed to assist Dr. Coxé in the case of R. Stephenson.

On motion of B. Mark, W. A. Presson was granted a location at his own request.

The Third Question, viz: "Who remain on trial?" was taken up. The name of J. H. Rockwell was called. On motion of Dr. Wheeler, he was discontinued.

The Sixth Question, viz: "Who are the Deacons of the Second Class?" was taken up, and the following brethren were represented reported their collections, and were passed, viz: L. C. Carroll, W. N. Groom, A. Kershaw and D. A. Watters; W. S. Hurt, at his own request, was granted a supernumerary relation.

G. F. W. Willey not having appeared before the committee, was passed and advanced to the class of the fourth year, subject to examination on the third year's course.

The Seventh Question, viz: "Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?" was considered. The following brethren were represented, passed, and elected to Elder's orders: Robert A. Carnine, Lauren O. Housel, James Hunter, Americus V. Kendrick, Charles H. Montgomery and Henry L. Pugh.

A. C. Keeler was represented, passed, and at his own request, continued in the class of the fourth year.

On motion, the apportionment of the connectional claims, as far as they are known, was referred to the Presiding Elders, to report at this session, that the amounts may be printed in the minutes.

The Conference adjourned by expiration of time. After the usual notices were given, the Doxology was sung, and J. Gassner pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

8:30 A. M., FRIDAY, SEPT. 7th, 1877.

The Conference met, Bishop Ames in the chair. The religious services were conducted by R. S. Robinson.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

A communication from R. S. Rust, Secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society, was read and referred to the appropriate committee.

A letter from Dr. William Butler, Superintendent of our Mexican Mission, representing S. W. Siberts, an Elder, and S. P. Craver, a Deacon of this Conference, and recommending Bro. Craver for Elder's orders, was read.

On motion of D. Murphy, the character of Samuel P. Craver was passed, and he was elected to Elder's orders.

C. H. Montgomery having been advanced to the class of the fourth year at the last session of the Conference, subject to examination by the committee of the third year at this session, was represented, passed, and elected to Elder's orders.

The Fourth Question, viz: "Who are admitted to full connection?" was taken up. Willey R. Stryker and Jacob H. Hard, applicants for full membership, were called before the Conference, and answered the usual Disciplinary Questions. The Bishop then addressed them with regard to the qualifications and work of the ministry. They were represented, received into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders.

The following resolution was presented:

Resolved, That we respectfully request the Bishop and Cabinet to either reduce the number of districts in the Conference to four, or increase them to eight, that the people may have four visitations annually, or be left to expect but two.

A motion to table the resolution was lost by a vote of 42 to 38.

The resolution was then adopted by a vote of 56 to 27.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on Tobacco was read and adopted. (See Report.)

On motion of A. W. Haines, the following persons were elected Trustees of Bentonsport Church property: Nathan Shepherd, Henry Keck and James F. Bailey.

The report on Temperance was presented, read, and taken up *seriatim*. The first and second resolutions were adopted.

B. Mark offered the following as a substitute for the third resolution :

Resolved, That in filling all civil offices, we pledge ourselves not to vote for any man who is not in favor of prohibition in the sale and manufacture of intoxicating drinks, including wine and beer.

The substitute was lost.

The third resolution was then adopted.

The fourth and fifth resolutions were adopted, and the report as a whole was then adopted. (See Report.)

A collection amounting to \$17.20 was taken for Conference expenses.

The following persons were introduced to the Conference : Dr. B. St. J. Fry, editor of the *Central Christian Advocate* ; Revds. Reed, Wilkinson and Bolton.

The Conference then adjourned, the session being closed with the Doxology, and benediction by W. F. Cowles.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8th, 1877.

At the close of an hour's devotional service, that commenced at 7:30, the Conference was called to order by the Bishop.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

The Conference Board of Church Extension and the Triers of Appeals were announced by the Bishop, and by vote confirmed. (See lists.)

The Examining Committees for 1878 ; To preach the Annual Mission Sermon, and Alternate, were also announced by the Bishop. (See lists.)

The Seventh Question was resumed.

The committee of inquiry in the case of Henry E. Wing unanimously recommended the passage of his character. (See Report.)

He was represented, passed, and elected to Elder's orders.

The Eighth Question was resumed.

The report of the Committee on Supernumerary Relations was presented, read and adopted. (See Report.)

On motion of J. G. Barton, the action of the Conference asking a change in the number of districts was reconsidered.

I. P. Teter then moved that we recommend the Bishop and Cabinet to divide the Conference into four districts.

W. F. Cowles moved to amend the motion by striking out *four* and inserting *six*.

I. P. Teter then withdrew his motion.

W. F. Cowles moved as a substitute for the original motion, that the districts remain as they now are.

On motion of Geo. W. Byrkit the whole subject was laid on the table.

Bishop E. G. Andrews, Dr. Kynett, F. Harris and W. N. Sparr were introduced to the Conference.

The following resolution, signed by J. Gassner, L. C. Carroll, A. W. Haines, G. Nulton, J. Craig and J. B. Hardy, was presented and laid on the table.

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, reaffirm our former action, and request the Bishop not to appoint any one to the office of Presiding Elder more than four years continuously.

A. Robinson presented the report of the committee of trial in the case of Robert Stephenson, as follows :

The undersigned, committee in the case of Robert Stephenson, having heard the testimony in the said case, under the charges of 1st, Disobedience to the order and discipline of the Church; and 2d, Deception, have unanimously agreed that the specifications, severally considered, have been sustained, and that he be deprived of all ministerial character and functions.

A. ROBINSON, Chairman,
C. L. STAFFORD, Secretary,

A communication from John T. Wheeler in relation to the publication of the Conference Minutes for 1875, was referred to the following committee : A. McClintock, S. S. Murphy and C. S. Jennis.

The Twenty-first Question, viz : "Have any local preachers been ordained?" was taken up. Finley L. McGrew, from the Keokuk District Conference; William I. Graham, from the Ottuma District Conference; and John Butler, from the Quarterly Conference of Simpson charge, Oskaloosa District, were properly recommended, represented, and elected to Deacons' orders.

The Treasurer of the Freedman's Aid Society placed on file receipts for \$264.13.

The Twentieth Question, viz : "Where and when shall the next Conference be held?" was called. Brooklyn, Knoxville, and Division Street, Burlington, were named and represented. On motion, Brooklyn was selected as the place for the next session.

The Treasurer of the Sunday School Union filed receipts for \$101.29.

The report from the committee on State camp meeting and grounds was read and adopted. (See Report.)

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan University presented his report, which was read and adopted. (See Report.)

The report on Periodicals was read, and pending the consideration of the report Dr. Fry, editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*, addressed

the Conference in the interests of our Church Periodical Literature. The report was then adopted. (See Report.)

The following reports were read and adopted, viz: Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Bible Cause, Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute, State of the Country, Sunday School Union (with nomination of officers for the ensuing year, all of whom were elected,) and Memoirs. (See Reports.)

A paper regarding a course of study for non-resident students at the Iowa Wesleyan University was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union nominated the officers of the Society for the ensuing year, and they were elected. (See Officers of Conference Societies.)

After the usual announcements were made the Doxology was sung, and Bishop Andrews pronounced the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, SEPT. 10th, 1877—8:30 A. M.

Conference met, W. F. Cowles in the chair. Religious services were conducted by B. Holland.

The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The report of the Statistical Secretaries was read and adopted.

Bishop Ames took the chair.

On motion, the present officers and managers of the Conference Missionary Society were re-elected.

On motion of Geo. N. Power, Dr. Coxé was appointed Assistant Agent of the Publication Fund.

The Agents of the Publication Fund were authorized to publish 2,000 copies of the Conference Journal.

H. E. Wing moved that the distribution be made on last year's plan, and that each preacher be required to pay for the number sent within thirty days after receiving the same.

I. P. Teter offered as a substitute: That the whole amount necessary for the publication of the Conference minutes be distributed according to the salaries of the preachers. The substitute was lost.

The original motion then prevailed.

labor and capital only when the grasping spirit of the avaricious capitalist grinds the faces of the poor on the one hand, or on the other, when a leveling and fanatical Communism creates dissension and discontent, and demands advantages impossible to retain or appreciate, because they would not be the fruit of the individual's own intelligence, toil and thrift; and finally, that the law of love binding all in its golden bonds, together with the laws of economy, and the development of man's power over nature, and in the domain of industrial science are essential to the natural progress of society, as well as to its harmonious working.

Resolved, That as even savage man has never been found without a creed, a shrine and a God, so civilized man has also his religion, even though it be an inane and cheerless nihilism; therefore we believe that the Bible, and the religion which it teaches, is the supreme law of this land, and neither one nor the other should be excluded from the public schools while their sanctions are not used for narrow and sectarian purposes; and that, furthermore, we are in favor of putting an eternal quietus upon the vexed question of the division of the school funds by placing an amendment in the Constitution of the United States interdicting the alienation of these funds to sectarian uses.

Resolved, That in addition to moral suasion, we believe that the colossal evil of intemperance can be more surely and quickly destroyed if its importation, manufacture and sale be forbidden by the several States, and by the United States, and we will therefore use all honorable means to elevate only such men to power as sympathize with us in these views and aims.

Resolved, That we believe no party nor policy can succeed in allaying sectional prejudice, ethnical animosities, and conflicting interests between classes of men, and make of the whole one homogeneous and happy people, which will not ignore a petty scramble for office and place, and unite conscience with conciliation, universal suffrage with universal education, intellectual, moral and religious. D. MURPHY, Chairman.

VI. EDUCATIONAL.

A.—REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Fathers and Brethren:—In presenting this twenty-third annual report, it affords me great pleasure to be permitted to state that the University has enjoyed usual prosperity in all its departments.

The number of students in attendance has been as large as the average in former years.

Unusual harmony among students and professors has prevailed, and in consequence of this there has been a year of marked progress of the students in their various branches.

The Board of Trustees and Visitors at the September session last year, elected Rev. Dr. W. J. Spaulding as President of the University, and the result has fully verified the expectations of those who appointed him, in its prosperity and government.

As to the financial condition of the University, the Treasurer reports it about the same as at the last report, both in reference to the endowment and contingent funds.

ter, Americus V. Kendrick, Charles H. Montgomery, Henry F. Pugh, and on the 10th Henry E. Wing, were ordained Elders in the same church by the undersigned, E. R. AMES.

The Presiding Elders, to whom was referred the distribution of connectional claims, reported the amount apportioned to this Conference for the support of the Bishops the ensuing year \$768.00, and that it be distributed equally among the six districts, making \$128.00 each.

The Conference Trustees nominated the officers of the Board for the ensuing year, and they were elected. (See Conference Officers.)

On motion, the time of the session was extended to finish the business.

The report of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society was read and adopted. (See Report.)

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz :

Resolved, That we have been greatly pleased with the visit of Drs. A. J. Kynett, B. St. J. Fry, J. P. Newman, W. F. King and Rev. J. F. Thompson, and their ministry among us, and shall always be glad to welcome them at our annual sessions.

S. S. MURPHY,

E. P. MICHENER.

Resolved, That we recognize the care and attention with which Brother H. E. Wing, the pastor of this church, and the citizens of Fairfield, have arranged for the session of the Conference; and that we return our warmest thanks for their hospitality, which has rendered our session so agreeable, and invoke God's choicest benedictions, spiritual and temporal, upon the people of this place.

GEO. N. POWER,

JOHN HAYNES.

Resolved. That we are highly pleased to have our venerable Bishop, E. R. Ames, with us again as our presiding officer, and with the very able and expeditious manner in which he has conducted the business of the Conference; and that our prayers shall be offered that his health and strength may be continued for years to come, that he may go in and out before the Church, giving her the advantage of his wisdom and experience.

JOHN HAYNES,

C. W. SHEPHERD.

There being no further business before the Conference, the Journal was read and approved, preparatory to adjournment.

At the close of an earnest address, the Bishop read the list of appointments for the ensuing year.

The Doxology was then sung, and the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop

GEO. N. POWER, Secretary.

E. R. AMES, President.

VII. REPORTS.

I. AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee would report that they have examined the accounts of the Secretary and Presiding Elders, and find them correct.
Fairfield, Iowa, Sept. 7th, 1877. JOHN HAYNES, Chairman.

II. BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on Bible Cause would report: That we have received from the various charges of the Conference, in vouchers, \$42.23; in cash, \$36.60, making a total of \$78.83, being a decrease of \$198.86.
JOHN S. FREELAND, Sec'y. J. G. THOMPSON, Chairman.

III. STATE CAMP-MEETING.

Whereas, an association known as the Clear Lake Camp-Meeting Association has bought and arranged a forty-acre lot of land, lying on the north side of Clear Lake, as a camp-meeting ground, and that such association guarantees a perpetual lease to the M. E. Church of all the camp-meeting privileges thereon. And as the five Conferences in Iowa have created a Board of Trustees and Managers, of which the Iowa Conference is an integral part, your Committee recommend that W. F. Cowles and J. T. Simmons be appointed Trustees, and J. Wheeler, George Haw, of Ottumwa, and F. Bacon, of Wilton, Directors.

J. T. SIMMONS, Chairman.

IV. STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Church is the divinely-appointed agency for the salvation of men, the conservation of truth, and the spiritual illumination of the world. To accomplish His purposes in human affairs, God has ever made use of individuals and organizations. His chosen people, under the old dispensation, were the grand centre of history, the repository of true religious knowledge, and the hope of humanity. "To whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the services of God, and the promises, whose are the Father's, and of whom concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all God's blessed forever,"

been recommended by the Board of Trustees, on the suggestion of the visitors, to visit different places in the patronizing conferences to ask for contributions. It was also recommended that one of the chairs be endowed with a sum not less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars.

The Institute is doing an excellent work for the churches, and is destined to attain a high rank among the schools of its class, and to exert a wide influence in the Northwest, and can be heartily commended to men of means seeking proper places for their gifts, and to those contemplating entering the ministry who desire the advantages of such a school.

W. J. SPAULDING.

E.—REPORT OF THE VISITORS TO IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The Committee were in attendance at the last Commencement of the Iowa Wesleyan University, examined the grounds, buildings, laboratory, library and museum. They made themselves acquainted as best they could with the workings of the Institution by meeting with the Board of Trustees and by inquiry, and they are convinced that the President, with his associate teachers, have their work at heart, and that they are nobly contending against financial embarrassment and the apathy of a large portion of the Church within our bounds, to make the Institution an honor to the Conference and a blessing to the world.

We are glad to be able to report that the general financial depression of the country that has embarrassed all the institutions of the land has not materially affected ours. We have reason also to believe that the Academical Department, under the management of Prof. Kembie, will soon be felt as a greater source of strength to the higher departments. The one thing essential to our success is the increase of endowment, that our noble, self-sacrificing professors may have a better support. Our building needs repairs. Prof. Beattie should have additional apparatus.

We are glad to say to the Conference that nothing has occurred under the administration of the past year to disturb in the least the harmony of the Institution. It is our conviction as a committee, that if we, as a Conference, give to the Iowa Wesleyan University what we are able, and what it deserves—our sympathy, our prayers, our influence and our money, that a prosperous future is before us.

G. M. TUTTLE,
C. L. STAFFORD,
B. F. KARNS.

VII. EPISCOPAL FUND.

	Claims.	Pro rata per cent on collections.	Receipts....	Excess.....	Deficiency..
Burlington District.....	\$ 166 66	.81	\$ 134 00	\$ 11	
Keokuk District.....	166 66	.70	121 30	4 70	
Muscatine District.....	166 66	.94	159 00	2 96	
Mount Pleasant District.....	166 66	.76	130 25	3 69	
Oskaloosa District.....	166 66	.92	153 15		
Ottumwa District.....	166 66	.88	132 85		\$14 81
Total.....	\$1,000 00	.81 7-10	\$ 830 65	\$11 46	\$14 81

E. L. BRIGGS.

The Treasurer of the Tract Society placed on file receipts for \$64.86.

The following reports were read and adopted : Treasurer of the Conference Board of Trustees, Stewards, Freedman's Aid Society, Tract Cause, and Distribution of Episcopal Fund. (See Reports.)

The Educational Committee placed in nomination the officers of the Society for the ensuing year, and they were elected. (See Officers of Conference Societies.) Also, the report of the Treasurer of the Society was read and adopted, and the money in his hands was ordered to be paid to the Treasurer of the Iowa Wesleyan University.

I. O. Kemble offered his resignation as Secretary of the Conference Missionary Society, which was accepted, and B. F. Shane was elected to fill the vacancy.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That we earnestly and respectfully request the Board of Bishops, in arranging their plan of Episcopal visitation, if practicable, to fix the time of the session of the Iowa Conference the last week in September or the first week in October.

J. B. HILL,
C. B. CLARK,
I. O. KEMBLE,
W. S. HURT.

Dr. Kynett addressed the Conference in the interests of the Church Extension Society.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That B. Mark, W. H. H. Pillsbury and W. F. Cowles be a committee to mature a plan for a Preachers' Aid Society in connection with this Conference, and report at our next session.

J. B. BLAKENEY,
C. S. JENNIS,
J. C. W. COXE.

S. Hestwood was granted a superannuated relation at his own request.

The report of the Committee on Education was presented and adopted. (See Report.)

Rev. J. Kerr, of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the Conference.

The Second Question, viz : "Who are admitted on Trial?" was taken up.

The recommendations of the following brethren were presented : Jas. F. Robertson, Sebern R. Martin and Coleson D. Fawcett, from the Keokuk District Conference ; William I. Graham, from Ottumwa District Conference ; Frank W. Adams, from Burlington District Conference ; Joseph A. Cook, from Otley Quarterly Conference ; and Silas T. Ludwick, from Kellogg Quarterly Conference. They were introduced to the Conference, represented and admitted.

The report of the Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath was read and adopted. (See Report.)

The Bishop made the following Certificate of Ordination, viz :

This certifies that Willie R. Stryker, Jacob H. Hard, John Butler and William I. Graham were ordained Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church on the 9th of September, 1877, at Fairfield Iowa ; and that at the same time and place Robert A. Carnine, Lauren O. Housel, James Hun-

The Endowment Fund as thus reported consists of :

1. President's Chair.		3. Elamnal Fund.	
Cash loans secured by mortgage.....	\$14,039 29	Cash loans secured by mortgage.....	\$475 69
Railroad Bonds.....	1,228 90	Cash on hand.....	15 00
Cash on hand.....	180 17		
Total.....	\$15,448 36	Total.....	\$490 69
2. General Endowment.		3. Productive and Non-Productive Fund.	
Cash loans secured by mortgage.....	\$11,022 11	Invested.....	\$43,006 16
O. Hoyt's bond.....	15,000 00	Uninvested.....	20,000 00
Cash on hand.....	1,045 00	Total.....	\$63,006 16
Total.....	\$27,067 11		

The Treasurer's account showed the receipts for the Contingent Fund to have been \$5,935 46.

The report of the Financial Secretary shows the receipts on this fund to have been as follows, viz :

Educational collections.....	\$241 97
Donations for support of agent.....	175 00
Piano rent.....	23 00
Bills receivable.....	50 00
Janitors' fees, tuition, and extra tuition.....	1,494 00
Interest on notes and bonds.....	3,936 79
Temporpry loan of Treasurer.....	14 70

Total.....\$5,935 46

This sum was expended as follows :

Professors, teachers and janitor.....	\$4,319 95	Repairs.....	\$ 3 90
Bills payable.....	1,087 43	Furniture.....	33 74
Fuel.....	102 00	Printing catalogues, etc.....	164 00
Gas for lighting building.....	52 50	Chemicals, etc.....	53 41
Stationery.....	99	Hall rent.....	20 00
Taxes on lands.....	52 19	Drayage.....	1 00
Traveling expenses of lecturers.....	43 60		
Fees for recording.....	75	Total.....	\$5,935 46

The following officers of the Board were elected for the ensuing year : Hon. James Harlan, President ; Rev. W. F. Cowles, Vice President ; Charles Snider, Treasurer ; W. I. Babb, Assistant Treasurer ; E. L. Briggs, Recording and Financial Secretary.

In concluding this report we can say that, even amidst hard times, the University has not been behind, either in its financial condition, its teaching force, or the number of students in attendance. I have therefore the pleasure of reporting all the interests of the University in as healthy and prosperous a condition as at the time of the last annual report.

E. L. BRIGGS, Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

B.—EDUCATIONAL COLLECTIONS.

From Districts as follows :

Burlington.....	\$17 60
Keokuk.....	33 80
Mount Pleasant.....	26 35
Muscatine.....	33 89
Oskaloosa.....	41 95
Ottumwa.....	65 00
Total.....	\$218 63

C.—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education would beg leave to submit the following as their report, to wit :

We are glad to learn the continued prosperity of the Garrett Biblical Institute, and call attention to it as in every way worthy the esteem and patronage of all who in the course of their preparation for the work of the ministry intend completing a full theological course.

We also recommend that S. S. Murphy and J. T. Simmons be appointed visitors to said institution for the ensuing year.

The Iowa Wesleyan University has just closed a very successful year. Notwithstanding the great stringency in money matters, the failure of crops, and the consequent embarrassment of almost every one, yet the University has held on its way, showing no diminution in its patronage, but, in view of all the circumstances, perhaps an increase. Under the wise management of its able President, Dr. W. J. Spaulding, whose long experience with the institution adapts him specially to this work, and with the hearty co-operation of the Conference, the Iowa Wesleyan University cannot fail of success. With its superior facilities for instruction, it has already produced scholars second to none in the Northwest, and many of them have found their way into positions of distinction, both in business and professional life.

Your committee would earnestly recommend to the individual members of the Conference that they make special effort the coming year to procure students for the institution, and to aid, so far as they possibly can, any one whom the Board of Trustees may appoint to solicit funds for it.

Your Committee would recommend that the following persons be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned by expiration of time, to wit: Hon. James Harlan, W. J. Spaulding, E. L. Penn, Thos. E. Corkhill, D. C. Smith, W. I. Babb.

They also recommend that Geo. Haw be appointed instead of W. Bird, removed; also, that M. M. Walden be appointed instead of J. B. Weaver; that W. A. Work (nominated by the Alumni) be appointed instead of Geo. Sweney; and that J. T. Hackworth be appointed instead of John Conaway.

They also recommend the following persons as visitors for the coming year, to wit: Dr. J. C. W. Coxe, J. T. Simmons, H. E. Wing, A. McClintock, John Haynes, D. H. Emry, G. W. Byrkit, W. H. H. Pillsbury, D. Murphy.

We also recommend that the paper referred to us on course of study be referred to the Faculty and Board of Trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan University for further consideration.

T. E. CORKHILL, Sec'y.

J. C. W. COXE, Chairman.

D.—GARRETT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

The undersigned, the only member of the Committee of Visitors appointed at the last session of the Iowa Conference in attendance at the last Commencement of the Garrett Biblical Institute, begs leave to present the following report:

The school is under the judicious management of an able and devoted Faculty. The catalogue shows an attendance of 99 students, theological and special. The training which the students receive is such as to contribute largely to their success in the ministry. The religious spirit is very marked.

The great decrease in rents of property owned by the Institute, upon which its income chiefly depends, made a deficit of about fifteen hundred dollars in the amount necessary to meet the current expenses, notwithstanding the large decrease in expenditures for salaries. To meet this special emergency for the coming year, growing out of the financial depression of the country, the Faculty of the Institute have

Good has ever radiated from specific centres. In all societies there is a central force, in all philosophies a central idea; in the religion of the Bible there is also a central and pervasive principle—the love of God for a sinful world. Around this idea the Church has crystalized, and it is not only the nucleus of the Church of God, but her specific commission is to proclaim this truth until the whole earth shall be filled with its glory. Never since the ascension of Jesus Christ has there been such spiritual activity as at the present hour. Consecrated men and women are hurrying into every land and clime, to the uttermost parts of the earth, with Redemption's story. The Bible has already been translated into the greater portion of the languages and dialects of the Babel-tongued earth. The printing press groans under the many publications of Holy Scripture and religious works. Commerce, philosophy, art, literature, steam and electricity are waiting to, or have already, become the consecrated Evangelists of the Redeemer's kingdom. We deeply deplore the individual lukewarmness and backsliding of men and churches. We mourn that our efforts, as one branch of the Church of Christ, have been so impotent and defective at many points; that we have been so selfish and narrow in relation to our benevolent enterprises, so short-sighted and negligent in relation to our educational work, and so inefficient in personal work for the conversion of the world. We pledge ourselves for future efficiency, to more persistent and systematic effort in every department of church life and labor, to a more complete consecration, and to greater self-sacrifice and devotion to the cause of Christ. As a part of our duty to God and his truth, we will confidently expect that His Church shall right speedily "look forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners." For "Christ also loved the Church and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish."

W. H. H. PILLSBURY, Chairman.

V. STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

WHEREAS, The evil spirit of Communism, so destructive in other lands of social order, a true political economy and of a Christian civilization generally, has entered into this land and disturbed the true relations existing between labor and capital, and threatens even the foundations of the Church and the State;

WHEREAS, In many of the chief cities of the nation, a sect whose sympathies and alliances are foreign and inimical to American civilization makes a demand for the division and alienation of the school funds of the land, and also for the removal of the Bible from the schools;

WHEREAS, The importation, manufacture and sale of all intoxicants costs this country annually, in all ways, a sum approximating \$2,200,000,000 in treasure, besides sending 100,000 precious lives to a drunkard's fate, and in addition thereto being the prolific parent of pauperism, crime, and untold wretchedness to thousands of families;

WHEREAS, There is now a fearfully increasing strain upon our beloved land, arising from the heterogeneous character of our population from the conflict of races, and opinions at war with a true economy and a sound government; therefore,

Resolved, That as labor is a primal law given to man by God, it is honorable in all, whether it be intellectual or manual, and is worthy of its reward according to its value to society; that there is a conflict between

VIII. FREEDMAN'S AID.

We rejoice in the success attending the labors of the Freedman's Aid Society of our Church. In the hundreds of souls converted to Christ, in the establishment of schools and colleges among them,—thus, by the church and school, bringing these people into a higher order of citizenship.

There are, however, several facts presenting themselves with reference to the Freedman's work to which we would do well to take heed :

1. The colored people being natives of our own soil, whatever may be their moral or intellectual condition in the future, are destined to live and die in our midst.

2. The degrading effects of two hundred years of bondage are still manifest in the ignorance and superstition prevailing among them, rendering them highly susceptible to the approaches of evil as well as to the influence of good.

3. In their conversion to Protestantism we may secure an agency of untold power, not only in the work at home, but in our efforts for the redemption of Africa.

4. Though possessing a natural affinity for Protestantism, and by the efforts of the Protestant Church for their liberation belonging by right to us, yet there are among them the agents of Romanism, laboring to secure them to their own church, and thus augment their own power as well as their influence at the polls. So true is this that the next decade must determine largely the relation of these people to Protestantism, and also to our republican institutions.

These facts plainly reveal to us the vital relations which the Freedman's work sustains to the Church, and to the country at large. In this light we plainly discern our duty. It is manifest that while this work still retains the elements of charity and compassion toward a downtrodden people, it also involves the elevation of that people in piety and intelligence, and so far as the social and political influence of these people can be felt, it involves the preservation of our Church and national institutions, and the redemption of Africa.

Let us then take this work more thoroughly home to our hearts. Our agents are in the field, seconded by a heroic band of teachers and helpers. Let us heed their cry for help, and in our appeals during the coming year give to the cause of the Freedman no mean rank among our benevolences.

R. J. KENYON,
C. B. CLARK,
W. G. THORN.

IX. COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

Your Committee to whom was referred the case of Henry E. Wing would report: That after examining into all the circumstances as far as possible in connection with statements of both parties, we find that all the reparation upon the part of Bro. Wing has been made that can be made, and accepted by the aggrieved party, and though we, in common with all others, deeply regret all past differences with a brother

in the Church, and particularly the act which occasioned the calling of this committee, we unanimously recommend the passage of the character of Rev. H. E. Wing.

Fairfield, Sept. 7th, 1877.

GEO. N. POWER,
E. L. BRIGGS,
T. E. CORKHILL,
GEO. W. BYRKIT,
A. ROBINSON.

X. MEMOIRS.

I.—MINISTERS.

Rev. Eli H. Coddington was born in Champaign County, Ill., July 1st, 1837, and died at his residence in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, July 30th, 1877, aged 40 years and 29 days.

In his boyhood his parents removed to Henry County, Iowa where, in his 19th year, at a camp-meeting on Salem Circuit, he became the subject of saving grace. Soon after his conversion he entered the Iowa Wesleyan University, where he was at the breaking out of the rebellion, and was among the first to respond to a call of the government. October, 1861, he enlisted in the 14th Iowa Infantry, At the battle of Fort Donelson, Feb. 13th, 1862, he lost his left arm, and with it the strength of his early manhood, for never after was he entirely free from pain. Thus disqualified for active service, he was discharged, and again entered college, feeling that he had canceled all claim against him in the nation's struggle, and that he could now finish his college course as a needed preparation for future usefulness. But this quiet was soon given up in response to another call, and he enlisted in the 45th Iowa Infantry, and was commissioned a Captain. Serving his full term, he once more undertook the completion of his college course. Having already heard the voice of the Master calling him to the active work of the ministry, and feeling that intellectual culture was an almost indispensable auxiliary to the culture of grace, if he would show himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, he determined to complete a classical course. This he did with credit to himself and the University. 1866 was to him memorable on account of three important events: June 17 he graduated; September 20 he was admitted on trial into the Iowa Conference; and December 24 he was married to Mrs. Belle Graham Fannihill, who, with all the devotion of a wife, shared with him the privations and trials of the itinerancy during his effective years, and then lovingly attended him to the margin of the river; and now, with two interesting children, is proving the divine promise, "A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widow, is God in His holy habitation." The year before he graduated he served as a supply on East Melrose Circuit. His appointments were: 1866-7, Troy Circuit; 1868, Bloomfield Station; 1869, Henry street, Mount Pleasant; 1870-71 and 1872, Church street, Fairfield. Here he closed his effective ministry, sustaining a superannuated relation to the close of life.

He was methodical and intensely in earnest in all that he did. Such was his character as a student; though twice interrupted through his noble patriotism, he was not to be defeated in the execution of his plans. Nothing less than a thorough classical course could satisfy him. In his ministerial work these elements were not less prominent.

quently become politicians before they are Christians, besides learning the slang of the day and the details of murders, hangings, and other sensational themes. Others follow after strange gods by patronizing the independent religious press. Some plan should be adopted, first, to compete in price with the independent religious weeklies; second, to overcome the pernicious influence of irreligious newspapers, either by securing their discontinuance in the family, or selecting such as are moral in tone; third, to turn the attention of our people to these truths, and encourage them to remain loyal to our noble Book Concern.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That our *Lesson Leaves* or *Lesson Quarterly*, and *Teachers' Journal* should be in every Sabbath School; that the *Quarterly Review* should be found on every pastor's table; that the *Repository* should be taken by our reading people; and that one of the *Advocates* should be read by every Methodist family.

Resolved, That our preferences are in favor of the *Central Christian Advocate*, our own Conference and home paper, and we heartily endorse the labors of Dr. Fry, by which the paper has taken rank among the leading publications of its class in the West.

J. W. WRIGHT, Chairman.

XII. SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

WHEREAS, The welfare of the Church and our civilization depends largely upon the sanctity of the Sabbath; and,

WHEREAS, Many of the people of this nation seem to be losing sight of this important truth; therefore,

Resolved, That we will more faithfully urge upon the people the dangerous results of Sabbath desecration, and try to secure the co-operation of all good people in the work of guarding the sanctity of the Sabbath, against every influence that tends to destroy it.

A. V. KENDRICK, Sec'y.

JAMES HUNTER, Chairman.

XIII. STEWARD'S REPORT.

Question 17. What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?

Answer. Of effective preachers, nothing; of supernumerary preachers, nothing; of superannuated preachers, \$2,850; of widows and orphans, \$3,200; total, \$6,050.

Question 18. What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?

Answer 1.—Received from Chartered Fund, \$30; received from circuits and stations, \$827.25; total, \$857.25,—which is 14 per cent. on the claims.

Answer 2.—Distributed by order of the Conference as follows:

1. SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

Names of Claimants.	—DISBURSEMENTS.—		Paid to
	Claims.	Dividends.	
L. C. Woodford.....	\$ 500 00	\$51 00	E. L. Schreiner.
A. W. Johnson.....	400 00	45 00	Self.
J. McDowell.....	250 00	45 00	Self.
R. S. Robinson.....	500 00	76 00	Self.
B. Holland.....	350 00	45 00	Self.
John Harris.....	500 00	65 25	E. W. Twining.
T. M. Kirkpatrick.....	350 00	56 00	Self.

2. WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

Name of Claimants.	—DISBURSEMENTS.—		Paid to
	Claims	Dividends.	
Mrs. Worthington.....	400 00	50 00	Self.
Mrs. Stewart.....	300 00	10 00	A. Robinson.
Mrs. Hare.....	400 00	10 00	"
Mrs. Bamford.....	300 00	71 00	W. F. Cowles.
Mrs. Prather.....	400 00	81 00	J. W. Cheney.
Mrs. Donaldson.....	400 00	76 00	W. F. Cowles.
Mrs. Boyles.....	300 00	61 00	John Orr.
Mrs. Friend.....	200 00	45 00	N. Wells.
Mrs. Coddington.....	300 00	50 00	B. Holland.
Mrs. Smith.....	100 00	20 00	T. E. Corkhill.
Totals.....	\$6,050 00	\$857 25	
E. L. SCHREINER, Sec'y.		J. B. HILL, Chairman.	

XIV. SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

WHEREAS, The child-heart is susceptible of religious influences as at no other time of life, and the Sabbath School affords the best field for profitable Christian effort that exists anywhere outside the family, for a large proportion of the conversions and of the accessions to the Church are from among the youth of our Sabbath schools, a fact which strongly emphasizes the sentiment, "The hope of the Church in the future is in the Sabbath school;" therefore,

Resolved, That we will recommend our people to faithfulness in instructing the children in the word of God, and we will strive more earnestly ourselves to adapt our preaching to their capacities, and to lead them into spiritual life and into the Church.

Resolved, That we will sit at the Master's feet and wait and pray for the divine anointing, that shall fit us for the responsible and exalted work of feeding the lambs and thus retain them in the Church.

Resolved, That we will insist upon using the publications of our own Church in preference to all others in our Sunday schools.

A. MCCLINTOCK, Chairman.

XV. SUPERNUMERARY RELATION.

The Committee recommend that M. Carrier and J. S. Rankin be granted a location, to take effect at the next Conference; E. W. Twining be granted a superannuated relation; John Elrod and J. R. Noble be granted a location at their own request; D. T. Monroe and M. See be made effective; E. H. Waring and William Poston be continued in their present relation; and that J. T. McFarland be granted a location, with the understanding that on his return from the Boston Theological Institute, he will be most heartily and cordially received among us again.

E. L. BRIGGS, Sec'y.

S. S. MURPHY, Chairman.

XVI. TEMPERANCE.

Believing that the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating drinks are not only highly pernicious, but destructive to individual character, social prosperity and happiness, and dangerous to the honor, influence, and life even of our nation; and believing that wholesome legislation looking to the suppression and actual prohibition of all traffic in intoxicating drinks is a necessity demanded by the times, and that there appears to be an indifference to this subject manifested by political parties in the selection of officers, municipal, county and State, thus tending to fasten more firmly this dire curse upon society, and increase the danger that now threatens us; and inasmuch as God has said to all his ministers, "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel, therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. If thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thine hand." And as the use of alcoholic wines in the communion or Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has proved a snare to some who have heretofore been addicted to habits of intemperance; therefore,

Resolved, That in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper we will use only the unfermented juice of the grape.

Resolved, That we will by every proper and lawful means seek the overthrow of the traffic in intoxicating drinks.

Resolved, That in the filling of all civil offices we pledge ourselves not to vote for any man who uses intoxicating drinks as a beverage, or who is in favor of either their manufacture or sale.

Resolved, That, as Pastors of the flock of Christ within the bounds of the Iowa Conference, we will warn our people against assisting in elevating men to office that are not prohibitionists in the fullest sense.

Resolved, That for the carrying out of our purposes, as herein set forth, we pledge our most earnest and unceasing effort.

THOS. E. CORKHILL, Chairman.

XVII. TREASURER OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

As Treasurer of your Board. I would respectfully report that I have received during the past year the following funds: \$16 of John Haynes. Feb. 24, 1877. Also, Sept. 4, 1877, the following notes, each for \$5: W. R. Fisk and John W. Shaw, Centerville, Iowa; James Hunter, J. Fraxler and James Hutchinson, Caldwell, Iowa.

These notes are all dated Aug. 19th, 1876, and are payable in five equal annual installments of one dollar each, with interest on installments after maturity. The first installments were due on all the notes Jan. 1st, 1877; but one has been paid, that of W. R. Fisk. The amount received is drawing interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE HAW,

Treasurer Board of Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

XVIII. TOBACCO.

WHEREAS, The use of tobacco is injurious to the constitution, defiles the person, degrades the manhood, and leads in many cases to other injurious stimulants; and,

WHEREAS, It renders the user thereof an unwholesome example, and therefore stands in opposition to that which is good, pure and ennobling; therefore,

Resolved, That we entreat all our ministers and members who use it to desist, for conscience, for the Church's, and for the world's sake.

Resolved, That we will vote for the admission of no one to enter this Conference who uses tobacco, without a pledge that he will abandon its use.

J. B. HARDY, Chairman.

P. HOLTZINGER, Sec'y.

XIX. TRACT CAUSE.

WHEREAS, Our tracts are the product of the best talent in the Church and discuss a wide range of subjects, and are furnished at very low rates ; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend each minister to take a collection for tracts, remit the same, and order tracts for one-half the amount, and distribute them in his charge.

S. R. FERGUSON, Secretary.

S. H. THOMAS, Chairman.

XX. J. T. WHEELER'S COMMUNICATION.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of J. T. Wheeler, concerning the publication of the Conference Minutes for 1875, having examined the papers and statements before us, beg leave to report :

1. It is a matter of deep regret that any misunderstanding occurred, and that Mr. Wheeler should lose money thereby.

2. That Mr. Wheeler failed to meet the contract in time and manner of publication.

3. That the Conference is not morally or legally bound for any consideration for said work.

S. S. MURPHY, Sec'y.

A. McCLINTOCK, Chairman.

XXI. WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

WHEREAS. We recognize the utility of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in employing the hearts and hands of the women of our Church ; therefore,

Resolved, That it presents a field of usefulness for the women of the M. E. Church, deserving their hearty support.

Resolved, That we recognize its efficiency in imparting a healthy activity to our membership, a more general diffusion of missionary intelligence, and a deeper religious experience.

Resolved, That as pastors we will encourage not only the organization of auxiliaries in our charges, but earnestly aid in the perpetuity of the work.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the untiring efforts of Miss Jennie Beck to engage the women of our Conference to work in this field ; not by human might or power alone, but by the spirit of God helping.

THOMAS STEPHENSON, Chairman.

D. A. WATTERS, Secretary.

NOTE.—Collections not reported in the statistical returns have been reported by Miss Jennie Beck, Conference Secretary of the Society, making the total receipts for the year, \$1,600.90, which is \$330.17 more than shown in the statistics.—SECRETARY.

STATISTICAL REPORT, NO. 1.—KEOKUK DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				B'TISM.		CHURCH PROPERTY.						CHURCH EXPENSES.							
	Prob'rs.	Full Members.	L. Pr'chrs.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Pars'ng's	Probable Value.	Bld'g & improv'g. Ch'ns & Pars'ng's	Indebtedness.	Supp't of Bishops.	PASTOR.		PRESID'G ELDER.		Confer'nice Claim'nts	Sunday School Expenses.	Sexton, and lights.
Keokuk—Chatham Square.	24	206	1	4	3	8	1	\$20,000	1	\$ 6,000	\$ 200	\$1,500	15 00	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350	\$ 153	\$ 185	\$ 9 00	\$250	.....
1st Church.....	30	223	1	3	12	33	1	3,000	.....	.....	.....	1,334	8 00	500	500	70	70	10 00	35	.....
Bentonsport.....	3	100	2	2	.....	8	3	3,000	1	500	.....	.....	5 60	550	404	70	49	7 00	30	\$ 20
Birmingham.....	10	235	1	4	5	13	1	6,000	1	700	.....	90	8 00	675	545	84	66	20 00	10	\$10
Bloomfield.....	34	240	3	5	3	21	1	3,000	1	1,500	.....	.....	12 50	925	925	112	112	10 00	100	160
Bloomfield Circuit.....	11	233	3	1	1	8	4	3,500	.....	.....	.....	440	5 00	636	451	84	84	2 00	24	43
Bonaparte.....	.....	135	3	1	.....	7	5	4,500	.....	.....	1,500	675	4 05	600	436	93	40	.....	35	.....
Cincinnati.....	6	298	5	5	5	11	3	2,300	1	700	90	.....	7 00	560	495	70	61	3 30	.....	.....
Drakeville.....	4	190	1	1	3	.....	2	4,450	1	200	16	200	3 00	550	420	70	59	2 50	40	.....
Independent.....	24	212	4	2	.....	31	4	7,000	1	700	236	167	8 00	572	472	70	55	7 00	50	50
Kcosauqua.....	43	240	1	2	5	36	1	6,000	1	700	243	123	10 70	700	700	98	98	4 00	31	150
Lebanon.....	41	131	2	1	3	7	5	6,000	1	600	.....	.....	6 25	650	425	91	60	6 00	.....	.....
Milton.....	10	175	1	5	.....	45	4	7,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	800	450	112	80	1 00	.....	.....
Montrose.....	2	144	3	1	1	.....	4	6,700	1	300	21	300	2 70	500	194	70	32	.....	.....	.....
Moulton.....	15	190	3	.....	15	24	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 20	500	450	70	70	.....	37	50
Mt. Sterling.....	6	73	.....	.....	6	13	2	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	250	165	35	33	1 70	21	.....
Troy.....	8	215	2	4	1	15	3	3 700	1	600	.....	.....	8 00	560	422	70	70	7 00	58	65
Winchester.....	1	120	.....	8	1	3	4	5,500	1	400	8	.....	8 60	525	525	77	70	5 00	25	.....
Total.....	272	3355	36	49	64	286	49	\$95,650	12	\$12,900	\$2,314	\$4,829	124 10	\$11,403	\$ 9,329	\$1,499	\$1,244	\$95 50	\$771	\$548

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Burlington—Division St.....	.....	213	.....	.....	.....	1	1	\$32,000	1	\$ 5,000	.....	\$1,800	\$ 20 00	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$110 00	\$150	\$200
Old Zion.....	6	245	.....	3	1	6	1	15,000	1	6,000	\$ 50	.....	17 00	1,650	1,650	120	120	18 00	100	.....
South Burlington.....	5	112	.....	3	4	4	2	5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	1,180	1,180	72	72	10 25	50	.....
Burlington Circuit.....	17	185	2	2	.....	5	5	7,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40	775	531	120	81	4 50	31	.....
Ainsworth.....	6	140	.....	2	5	8	2	1,500	1	1,000	65	.....	9 07	860	790	85	77	4 30	40	.....
Canaan.....	6	216	2	1	.....	31	2	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	500	352	80	56	.....	12	.....
Columbus City & Coneville	2	132	2	2	4	3	2	3,000	.....	.....	.....	39	4 00	550	400	60	52	3 00	20	.....
Danville.....	4	120	.....	.....	3	3	.....	4,000	1	600	300	.....	10 00	800	700	120	78	4 00	30	.....
Fort Madison.....	.....	70	1	.....	.....	1	.....	2,000	1	1,200	225	.....	.....	250	250	60	60	.....	40	.....
Kossuth.....	12	329	1	3	16	23	34	7,000	2	1,800	160	175	10 00	1,100	1,000	120	109	23 00	35	.....
Marshall.....	6	256	2	.....	3	8	5	5,000	2	1,100	140	.....	8 00	800	700	120	95	.....	75	.....
Morning Sun.....	25	200	1	3	15	46	34	7,000	.....	.....	42	.....	5 00	950	550	85	56	3 75	50	65
Mt. Pleasant Circuit.....	8	330	3	1	7	25	4	7,400	.....	.....	50	7	10 00	800	800	100	100	8 00	63	.....
New London.....	5	170	2	2	2	13	2	1,100	1	2,000	.....	.....	7 34	825	639	70	51	12 75	26	.....
Wapello.....	5	48	1	.....	.....	1	.....	5,000	.....	.....	3,000	300	3 00	940	880	80	58	1 50	25	.....
West Point.....	4	144	.....	.....	5	4	3	3,500	1	300	.....	150	3 00	600	350	75	44	2 00	30	.....
Winfield.....	48	217	1	2	26	12	2	4,500	1	900	.....	500	10 00	700	559	105	80	6 16	45	.....
Total.....	159	3077	18	24	88	193	43	\$113,500	12	\$19,900	\$4,071	\$2,933	\$129 81	\$15,030	\$13,081	\$1,567	\$1,314	\$211 21	\$822	\$265

STATISTICAL REPORT, NO. 1.—MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.					B'TISM.		CHURCH PROPERTY.						CHURCH EXPENSES.							
	Prob't'rs.	Full Members.	L. Pr'chrs.	Deathe.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Pars'ng's	Probable Value.	B'ld'g & Improv'g	Chr'h's & Pars'ng's	Indebtedness.	Supp't of Bishops.	PASTOR		PRESID'G ELDER		Confer'nce Claim'nts	Sunday School Expense.	Sexton, and lights.
Mt. Pleasant.....	105	495	5	6	24	30	2	\$20,000	...	...	...	...	...	\$ 40 00	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 215	\$ 215	\$17 95	...	...
Agency City.....	48	380	5	1	...	73	2	3,000	1	600	...	...	\$ 25	10 00	825	667	175	140	14 10	\$ 80	...
Batavia.....	5	315	2	3	...	...	5	6,400	2	800	...	...	...	15 00	950	700	177	125	10 75	62	...
Brighton.....	...	170	4	1	2	16	4	4,000	1	700	...	...	...	25 00	600	300	79	44	1 00	...	...
Fairfield.....	17	281	7	3	4	1	1	11,000	...	...	\$5,080	3,550	...	16 25	1,150	794	144	96	15 75	47	...
Fairfield Circuit.....	18	162	1	1	3	24	5	6,100	1	400	35	100	...	5 00	700	520	50	36	9 00	44	...
Keota.....	13	206	1	2	10	24	1	6,300	...	...	...	550	...	10 00	600	530	71	60	5 10	35	...
Lexington.....	...	204	4	2	...	34	5	6,500	1	600	60	...	...	8 00	950	875	92	92	10 00	32	...
Martinsburg.....	10	133	2	...	...	30	3	4,200	1	400	290	...	...	4 00	550	385	47	36	5 00	145	\$140
Richland.....	48	265	2	4	3	40	4	5,700	1	700	30	...	...	5 50	780	538	77	50	2 05	50	...
Richwoods.....	2	47	1	...	...	4	2	2,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	700	150	33	5	...	12	...
Salem.....	8	142	2	2	...	5	4	7,000	1	800	760	...	...	5 05	700	442	75	48	3 55	92	...
Sigourney.....	17	155	2	2	...	1	1	2,100	1	800	...	...	...	5 00	900	810	70	64	8 10	38	...
Washington.....	6	214	...	1	5	...	1	8,000	1	1,500	50	...	...	15 00	1,150	1,150	85	85	10 00	50	...
Webster.....	...	198	1	...	...	11	3	4,300	1	500	...	...	...	...	800	583	84	58	2 00	34	...
Totals.....	297	3367	39	28	51	290	43	\$96,600	12	\$ 7,800	\$ 6,805	\$4,225	\$ 163 80	\$12,855	\$10,004	\$1,474	\$1,154	\$114 35	\$721	\$140	...

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

Muscatine Station.....	16	360	3	7	7	39	1	\$20,000	...	...	\$ 42	...	...	\$ 16 50	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 174	\$ 174	\$ 28 00	\$168	415
" Circuit.....	36	340	3	1	4	51	3	8,500	1	\$ 700	150	\$ 300	...	10 00	892	892	90	90	10 00	190	15
Blue Grass.....	8	135	2	2	2	3	2	1,800	1	650	45	...	...	5 25	600	550	75	72	25	35	...
Kosta.....	12	157	...	...	1	11	1	1,000	1	600	...	250	...	10 00	900	900	90	90	4 00	55	...
Lettsville.....	46	200	4	3	2	10	3	5,500	...	...	...	...	...	10 00	650	650	85	85	10 00	60	...
Lone Tree.....	21	154	1	...	...	25	3	4,000	...	...	...	...	...	7 00	800	600	80	75	7 00	...	...
Marengo.....	13	215	...	2	3	23	1	4,000	1	2,000	15	...	...	12 00	1,200	1,200	100	100	18 60	87	...
Millersburg.....	4	160	...	1	4	12	3	4,600	1	700	200	1,030	...	...	700	650	80	69	...	60	...
Oxford.....	8	137	2	3	2	8	2	6,000	...	...	...	800	...	10 00	796	796	75	75	11 00	53	...
Pilotsburg.....	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	100	10	10	...	...	...
Pleasant Hill.....	3	125	...	1	...	2	4	8,500	1	800	15	...	...	5 00	700	493	90	68	4 00	30	...
Riverside and Richmond..	6	333	3	3	17	...	4	9,000	1	500	50	...	...	12 00	990	990	100	100	11 00	75	...
Sweetland Center.....	42	223	...	4	12	38	3	4,500	1	900	150	200	...	10 00	880	880	85	85	4 00	60	...
Tiffin.....	2	109	...	...	1	1	1	3,500	...	...	...	...	...	8 00	650	650	72	72	3 00	13	...
Victor.....	7	100	1	...	3	...	1	2,000	...	...	...	...	...	5 00	800	660	75	64	...	38	70
West Liberty.....	3	172	1	1	2	...	1	9,000	...	...	25	700	...	5 00	1,000	850	75	75	2 00	24	135
Williamsburg.....	20	120	1	...	1	18	2	2,200	1	750	...	...	...	9 00	775	775	75	75	4 10	24	...
Wilton.....	26	163	2	1	3	6	1	3,000	1	2,000	125	70	...	10 00	1,050	1,050	80	80	16 25	113	...
Totals.....	243	3217	23	29	64	247	36	\$107,100	10	\$ 9,600	\$ 817	\$3,350	\$144 75	\$14,983	\$14,186	\$1,511	\$1,459	\$133 20	\$1,085	\$835	...

STATISTICAL REPORT, NO. 1.—OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				B'TISM.		CHURCH PROPERTY.						CHURCH EXPENSES.								
	Probats.	Full Members.	L.P'r'chrs.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Pars'ng's	Probable Value.	B'ld'g & Improv'g.	Ch'rh's & Pars'n'gs	Indebtedness.	Supp't of Bishops.	PASTOR.		PRESID'G ELDER		C'nfer'nce Claim'nts	Sunday School Expenses.	Sexton, and lights.
															Claims.	Rec'pts	Claims.	Rec'pts			
Oskaloosa—1st Church.....	18	222	1	2	.....	2	1	\$ 10,000	1	\$3,000	\$ 200	.....	.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 1,740	\$ 1,740	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$10 00	\$ 100	.....
" Simpson Chapel.....	24	300	1	1	.....	10	1	18,000	.....	.....	45	\$1,870	.....	.....	1,300	1,300	85	85	1 00	120	.....
" Wesley .....	.....	94	1	2	.....	.....	2	1,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	240	240	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brooklyn	82	382	.....	3	11	79	2	4,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 10	1,210	1,210	100	100	30 00	60	\$230
Eddyville and Beacon.....	23	99	5	3	6	12	2	4,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 40	800	571	70	48	1 75	15	.....
Grinnell.....	16	200	1	2	.....	8	2	8,000	.....	.....	130	500	.....	7 25	1,200	1,100	85	79	4 65	50	200
Kellogg.....	16	150	6	1	3	9	1	2,500	1	800	12	.....	.....	7 25	860	524	75	70	4 00	35	.....
Lynnville.....	31	207	1	3	12	25	3	4,000	1	700	16	8	.....	6 00	900	900	60	60	5 00	75	.....
Malcom.....	13	140	2	.....	19	2	.....	6,200	.....	.....	\$1,200	1,200	.....	5 00	784	675	64	64	9 00	85	51
Montezuma.....	.....	145	1	.....	.....	1	2,000	1	800	20	.....	.....	.....	7 50	870	720	75	75	6 00	38	100
New Sharon.....	6	212	2	1	2	2	2	6,000	1	1,000	25	350	.....	8 00	700	430	70	54	8 00	45	.....
Newton Station.....	2	208	.....	2	4	.....	1	1,500	1	500	80	100	.....	8 65	820	638	95	70	8 00	85	.....
Newton Circuit.....	3	200	3	2	3	6	4	9,000	1	800	40	500	.....	10 00	980	830	100	85	5 00	40	.....
North Newton Circuit.....	25	120	1	.....	8	26	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	800	710	52	52	10 00	37	.....
Otley.....	10	130	3	.....	1	10	3	4,300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 25	450	367	50	50	.....	7	.....
Pella.....	6	108	7	.....	3	1	1	2,200	1	900	613	440	.....	4 00	800	655	70	70	8 98	60	.....
Peoria.....	35	258	1	6	2	36	3	6,400	2	550	50	.....	.....	8 50	750	664	95	91	2 95	15	.....
Rose Hill.....	8	132	1	2	2	.....	2	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 25	425	250	44	31	1 00	15	.....
Searsboro.....	17	115	5	1	7	6	2	2,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 90	450	285	44	44	75	10	.....
Springfield.....	2	225	1	1	4	22	2	5,000	1	400	.....	.....	.....	5 50	650	575	70	60	1 90	.....	.....
Totals.....	337	3647	41	33	68	273	38	\$101,000	11	\$ 9,450	\$ 2,431	\$4,968	\$ 123 55	\$16,729	\$14,384	\$1,404	\$1,288	\$117 98	\$892	\$581	.....

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

Ottumwa—1st Church.....	15	265	.....	3	.....	13	1	\$10,000	1	\$ 3,500	\$ 100	.....	.....	\$ 15 00	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,550	\$ 130	\$ 130	\$ 52 50	\$104	\$425
" Main Street.....	8	188	2	2	.....	8	1	10,000	.....	.....	875	\$4,400	.....	9 00	1,200	1,200	80	80	6 00	50	.....
" Circuit.....	15	100	.....	1	10	8	1	1,100	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	4 00	450	302	40	32	2 25	13	.....
Albia Station.....	.....	230	2	2	.....	1	1	6,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	1,120	1,055	120	120	25 00	35	.....
Albia Circuit.....	4	150	.....	1	1	6	2	3,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	800	558	70	46	2 00	20	.....
Attica.....	11	234	2	3	6	.....	3	4,100	1	600	1,250	.....	.....	8 10	660	575	90	78	2 25	15	.....
Bellefontaine.....	8	246	4	2	1	9	5	6,700	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	7 00	650	514	90	80	2 00	17	40
Cedar.....	9	254	.....	1	.....	4	5	6,000	1	300	228	15	.....	8 00	698	572	85	67	13 00	22	60
Centerville.....	12	185	3	3	2	2	1	4,500	1	1,200	3,800	.....	.....	9 00	1,150	1,150	100	100	15 50	70	.....
Chillicothe.....	8	245	2	3	3	27	3	4,250	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	7 00	660	600	70	64	3 00	25	.....
East Melrose.....	2	128	1	3	2	7	2	1,600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50	648	523	60	56	1 50	10	.....
Hamilton.....	3	200	3	.....	2	4	5	8,000	1	400	.....	.....	.....	6 25	650	482	70	65	3 00	25	.....
Jerome.....	.....	124	2	.....	.....	3	.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	450	350	60	38	.....	.....	.....
Kirkville.....	14	281	3	.....	.....	15	2	8,000	1	1,500	60	300	.....	10 00	760	760	82	82	5 00	75	160
Knoxville.....	6	223	4	2	1	23	1	4,000	1	1,500	485	.....	.....	12 00	1,123	1,123	100	100	20 00	75	45
Knoxville Circuit.....	4	70	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	260	155	40	24	.....	.....	.....
Marysville.....	10	200	2	3	17	37	4	5,000	1	300	200	100	.....	.....	600	550	56	42	25	50	.....
Unionville.....	10	230	.....	2	6	10	4	2,300	1	400	1,000	150	.....	5 00	400	282	65	46	5 00	25	.....
Total.....	139	3553	31	31	51	166	44	\$ 86,750	9	\$ 9,700	\$7,658	\$5,300	\$121 85	\$13,829	\$12,301	\$1,408	\$1,250	\$158 25	\$ 631	\$730	.....

STATISTICAL REPORT, NO. 1.

RECAPITULATION, BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				Baptism		CHURCH PROPERTY.						CHURCH EXPENSES.							
	Prob- ationers.	Full Members.	L. Pr'chers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages	Probable Value.	Bld'g & im- prov'g Ch's & Pars'n'g's	Ind'tedness on Ch'r'h's & Pars'n'g's	Support of Bishops.	Pastors. Claims.	Receipts	Presid'g Eld'rs Claims.	Receipts	Conference Claimants.	Total ex- penses of School this year.	Sexton, Light and Fuel.
KEOKUK.....	272	3,353	36	49	64	286	49	\$ 95,650	12	\$12,900	\$ 2,314	\$ 4,829	\$124 10	\$11,403	\$ 9,329	\$ 1,499	\$ 1,244	\$ 95.50	\$ 771	\$ 548
BURLINGTON.....	159	3,077	18	24	83	192	43	113,500	12	19,900	4,071	2,932	129 81	15,030	13,081	1,567	1 314	211.21	822	265
MT. PLEASANT.....	297	3,367	39	28	51	290	43	96,600	12	7,800	6,305	4,225	163 80	12,855	10,004	1,474	1,154	114.35	721	140
MUSCATINE.....	243	3,217	23	29	64	247	36	107,100	10	9,600	817	3,350	444 75	14,983	14,186	1,511	1,459	133.20	1 085	835
OSKALOOSA.....	337	3,647	41	33	68	273	38	101,000	11	9,450	2,431	4,968	123 55	16,729	14,384	1,404	1,288	117.98	892	676
OTTUMWA.....	39	3,553	31	31	51	166	44	86,750	9	9,700	7,658	5,300	121 85	13,829	12,201	1,408	1,250	158.25	631	830
Total this year.....	1447	20,216	183	193	386	1454	253	\$600,600	66	\$69,350	\$23,596	\$25,604	\$807 86	\$84,829	\$73,285	\$ 8,863	\$ 7,709	\$ 830.49	\$ 4,922	\$ 3,294
Total last year.....	1240	19,653	179	191	220	759	254	611,400	73	74,760	32,848	18,177	387 45	88,658	77,300	8,128	7,117	851.26	5,222	3,175
Increase.....	207	563	9	2	166	695	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 7,427	\$420 41	.....	.....	\$ 735	\$ 592	.....	.....	\$ 119
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	\$ 10,800	7	\$ 5,410	\$ 9,250	.....	.....	\$ 3,829	\$ 4,015	.....	.....	\$ 20.77	\$ 300	.....

STATISTICAL REPORT, NO. 2.—KEOKUK DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.																BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.							
	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	15 yrs. old and over.	Intermediate.	Infant Class.	Average Attendance.	Teachers, Church.	Members, Church.	Scholars, Church.	Members, Church.	Conversions.	Library Books.	S. S. Class-mates t'kn	Advocates taken.	Journals taken.	Women's F. M. S.	Board of Church Extens'n.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Fr'm'n's Aid Soc'y.	Educat'n.	American Bible Society.	
Keokuk—Chatham Square.....	2	25	300	75	195	30	230	25	120	25	250	35	250	50	35	35	\$ 27 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 3 00
" 1st Church.....	2	25	200	.....	.....	50	165	20	.....	20	.....	15	250	.....	15	15	.....	3 00	1 00	\$ 1 00	3 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 1 10
Bentonsport.....	3	16	160	80	40	40	120	15	36	10	.....	7	.....	70	7	7	.....	1 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....
Birmingham.....	2	20	150	.....	.....	.....	125	48	40	30	.....	2	.....	1	2	2	.....	1 50	50	50	5 00	5 00	50
Bloomfield.....	1	22	300	.....	.....	35	200	22	82	65	.....	100	24	100	24	24	57 60	1 50	7 00	1 00	1 50	2 60	8 35
Bloomfield Circuit.....	3	18	130	76	21	33	104	16	74	11	310	18	18	18	18	18	4 92	1 00	.....	50	1 00	1 00	3 00
Bonaparte.....	1	7	50	.....	.....	10	40	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	18 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cincinnati.....	2	18	135	100	35	.....	100	12	39	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	25	90	1 45	2 00	1 50
Drakeville.....	1	16	125	70	35	20	100	10	60	1	.....	.....	.....	30	9	9	.....	5 00	75	75	3 70	1 55	.....
Independent.....	3	26	145	80	40	25	110	18	65	50	300	.....	35	7	.....	.....	1 00	50	50	50	2 30	75	.....
Keosauqua.....	1	19	200	70	80	50	151	12	44	30	.....	70	12	19	12	12	19 16	1 75	1 50	1 35	1 40	1 45	.....
Lebanon.....	5	30	250	150	75	25	180	24	121	20	200	.....	50	50	.....	.....	.....	1 35	.....	1 00	4 25	.....	1 65
Milton.....	5	60	300	200	150	50	60	100	50	100	.....	50	100	100	.....	.....	10 00	50	40	25	50	.....	.....
Montrose.....	3	16	110	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moulton.....	3	32	228	120	79	29	163	29	65	24	75	.....	.....	.....	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Sterling.....	2	16	85	48	18	20	61	14	31	18	32	.....	27	12	12	12	.....	2 80	1 30	1 90	1 70	2 10	.....
Troy.....	3	35	144	73	49	22	113	36	75	15	20	.....	8	9	9	9	.....	1 33	55	55	1 15	4 35	25
Winchester.....	3	39	183	84	37	27	141	25	53	1	50	.....	18	24	24	24	.....	5 00	10	20	50	1 00	29
Total.....	45	432	3198	1226	854	466	2163	443	955	420	1487	50	617	184	184	184	\$136 70	\$31 98	\$ 17 85	\$10 40	\$31 45	\$ 33 80	\$16 55	

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Burlington—Division St.....	1	25	200	50	100	50	240	23	50	.....	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 40 00	\$31 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 4 00	.....
" Old Zion.....	1	32	225	.....	.....	39	162	28	25	15	1000	125	125	22	22	22	93 70	15 00	.....	4 25	10 25	.....	.....
South Burlington.....	2	30	250	125	60	65	190	26	30	10	.....	.....	.....	9	9	9	.....	6 50	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	.....
Burlington Circuit.....	5	50	285	182	143	11	140	40	45	4	525	.....	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ainsworth.....	2	29	120	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	8	8	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 03	.....	.....
Canaan.....	3	25	160	75	60	.....	150	20	75	80	300	.....	.....	18	18	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbus City & Coneville.....	3	21	150	30	80	40	140	21	30	.....	100	.....	100	8	8	8	.....	1 10	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....
Danville.....	2	14	150	35	60	40	105	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	7	7	7	20 35	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....
Fort Madison.....	1	15	80	40	15	.....	.....	15	10	.....	.....	60	10	10	10	10	60 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kossuth.....	3	29	256	122	86	48	239	27	108	57	700	25	.....	27	27	27	125 33	4 55	2 00	2 25	5 00	20 00	.....
Marshall.....	5	55	300	.....	.....	.....	200	50	.....	20	300	.....	150	18	18	18	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....
Morning Sun.....	4	27	260	125	25	40	200	22	225	50	500	40	40	18	18	18	.....	1 00	1 50	2 00	2 50	6 00	.....
Mt. Pleasant Circuit.....	4	41	308	212	59	5	211	40	153	38	.....	55	15	15	15	15	.....	2 75	1 75	1 25	8 00	4 50	\$ 2 00
New London.....	3	28	167	109	38	20	101	23	54	33	100	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 35
Wapello.....	1	9	100	39	45	25	65	6	10	3	.....	6	.....	6	6	6	.....	1 00	50	1 00	2 00	.....	.....
West Point.....	5	45	168	108	44	20	153	25	25	5	200	.....	30	6	6	6	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	2 00	.....	.....
Winfield.....	3	33	160	106	54	.....	140	33	75	60	200	.....	100	12	12	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	48	508	3339	1349	894	454	2496	398	915	419	4225	190	724	184	184	184	\$339 91	\$68 90	\$ 14 75	\$20 75	\$45 78	\$ 37 50	\$ 3 35

STATISTICAL REPORT, NO. 2.—MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.															BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.							
	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	15 yrs. old and over.	Inter-mediate.	Infant Class.	Average Att'dance.	Teachers.	Church Members.	Scholars, Church Members.	Con-versions.	Library Books.	S.S. Class-mates t kn	Advocates taken.	Journals taken.	Women's F. M. S.	Board of Church Extens'n.	Tract So-ciety.	Sunday School Union.	Fr'dm'n's Aid Soc'y.	Educat'n.	American Bible Society.	
Mt. Pleasant.....	1	24	200	50	60	66	300	120	10	210	23	\$ 21 00	\$ 9 15	\$ 1 25	
Agency City.....	4	71	400	.....	.....	85	260	.....	.....	1	145	.....	90	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Batavia.....	6	59	327	.....	.....	44	180	31	45	16	.....	.....	60	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brighton.....	4	34	215	.....	.....	25	134	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairfield.....	1	24	180	65	90	33	148	32	44	21	285	65	51 00	9 00	5 50	6 75	17 00	
Fairfield Circuit.....	4	43	252	130	60	30	295	27	.....	56	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	1 65	.....	1 65	.....	.....
Keota.....	3	30	295	30	63	280	40	60	60	40	15	1 50	2 50	3 40	5 00	
Lexington.....	4	47	350	115	172	110	150	27	75	50	50	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Martinsburg.....	3	27	225	95	20	110	150	27	75	50	50	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	75	.....	.....
Richland.....	5	57	360	194	75	43	309	50	73	42	100	44	122	26	80	80	55	60	40	50	
Richwoods.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	4	42	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	222	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sigourney.....	1	17	145	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	6	.....	24 66	1 05	78	1 35	2 30	85
Washington.....	1	25	290	120	110	60	160	16	55	200	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Webster.....	6	54	353	138	197	18	245	38	40	13	4 35	1 00	
Totals.....	49	554	3786	857	754	558	1966	351	652	388	952	104	860	158	\$ 96 66	\$ 60 90	\$ 9 33	\$ 17 50	\$ 38 95	\$ 26 35	\$ 2 10	

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

Muscatine Station.....	1	42	450	.....	.....	270	42	.....	52	1000	.....	150	38	\$138 65	.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 25	\$ 2 25	\$ 5 00	.....
" Circuit.....	4	51	505	400	53	52	54	48	930	200	80	60	51 55	\$ 2 00	1 25	1 50	3 00	3 00	.....	.....
Blue Grass.....	3	26	160	90	40	30	160	17	54	10	160	50	12 00	30	1 25	15	20	15	.....	.....
Kosta.....	2	30	175	76	66	33	120	30	80	6	15	70	18	.....	50	25	30	2 10	1 50	\$ 1 00
Lettsville.....	2	16	150	60	70	20	.....	13	.....	12	200	20	.....	2 60	2 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Lone Tree.....	3	27	260	.....	.....	200	27	118	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	3 00	.....	.....
Marengo.....	1	24	340	.....	.....	180	23	.....	39	554	.....	20	24 21	3 10	4 60	1 00	2 00	6 00	2 10	.....
Millersburg.....	4	32	175	75	45	55	140	20	5	12	300	20	40	16	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....
Oxford.....	2	20	152	61	66	25	90	20	28	7	.....	50	50	11	.....	5 00	1 50	2 00	4 00	2 00
Pilotsburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	4	27	175	.....	.....	21	140	27	.....	2	75	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Riverside and Richmond.....	4	34	315	142	115	98	250	30	180	8	.....	75	25	.....	3 00	1 00	1 00	7 00	2 00	1 75
Sweetland Center.....	3	35	225	100	75	51	175	30	50	45	150	75	25	.....	1 00	50	50	2 00	1 00	.....
Tiffin.....	3	20	120	40	60	20	16	20	50	1	250	15	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	20	2 00	.....
Victor.....	2	26	163	.....	.....	45	135	16	30	.....	100	100	10	18 97	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Liberty.....	1	22	129	29	64	36	81	20	70	3	.....	25	25	12	33 70	.....	25	1 00	2 00	.....
Williamsburg.....	2	22	155	60	87	38	130	20	70	30	.....	25	15	16	3 25	70	.....	1 10	1 10	3 00
Wilton.....	1	14	133	48	54	31	116	14	39	19	178	.....	16	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	7 48	1 73	.....
Totals.....	42	468	3782	1141	795	554	2743	417	1184	281	3182	325	545	298	\$282 33	\$23 45	\$ 14 35	\$11 05	\$35 33	\$ 35 88	\$ 6 95

STATISTICAL REPORT, NO. 2.—OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.													BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.							
	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	15 yrs. old and over.	Inter-mediate.	Infant Class.	Average Att'dance.	Teachers, Church Members.	Scholars, Church Members.	Conversions.	Library Books.	S. S. Class-mates t'kn	Advocates taken.	Journals taken.	Women's F. M. S.	Board of Church Extens'n.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Frdm'n's Aid Soc'y.	Educat'n.	American Bible Society.
Oskaloosa—1st Church.....	1	25	160	100	60	25	135	15	32	10	656	50	50	20	\$ 77 14	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	.....	\$ 2 00	.....	.....
“ Simpson Chapel.....	1	23	275	.....	.....	.....	180	28	.....	14	400	.....	.....	24	23 46	1 50	25	25	50	.....	.....
“ Wesley.....	2	25	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brooklyn.....	2	28	300	150	140	40	200	26	75	50	.....	66	66	27	.....	8 50	3 00	3 00	9 00	\$ 8 00	.....
Eddyville and Beacon.....	2	24	150	.....	.....	.....	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grinnell.....	2	30	200	70	100	30	175	20	100	15	.....	.....	150	36	40 00	1 25	1 10	5 00	1 25	4 00	.....
Kellogg.....	3	30	223	63	85	75	160	28	100	10	250	.....	70	20	.....	3 00	30	50	2 00	1 00	.....
Lynnville.....	5	35	250	.....	47	60	220	31	107	114	.....	.....	24	25	12 50	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....
Malcom.....	2	24	225	.....	.....	.....	166	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	21	13 38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montezuma.....	2	26	140	60	56	24	102	15	25	.....	50	.....	60	25	42 68	.....	1 00	1 00	4 55	5 00	\$ 2 00
New Sharon.....	2	25	200	40	100	60	125	22	100	2	50	.....	50	20	.....	4 00	1 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	.....
Newton Station.....	1	22	206	.....	.....	47	130	20	.....	.....	.....	50	50	.....	20 75	2 75	1 00	1 50	2 45	5 00	.....
Newton Circuit.....	4	45	270	180	45	50	187	30	30	6	200	.....	80	20	.....	85	20	50	3 00	2 00	.....
North Newton Circuit.....	4	39	180	99	47	34	141	34	88	63	.....	.....	55	22	.....	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	10 75	3 00
Otley.....	3	28	165	90	55	20	110	25	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pella.....	1	21	150	.....	.....	15	115	21	.....	.....	300	.....	.....	18	24 90	3 00	1 05	1 00	1 95	2 25	75
Peoria.....	3	33	141	71	55	15	112	32	40	12	30	.....	.....	10	5 00	35	2 41	2 41	2 55	1 70	55
Rose Hill.....	4	27	150	75	35	30	140	27	10	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Searsboro.....	2	15	115	.....	.....	.....	90	15	80	30	.....	.....	.....	72	.....	1 25	.....	.....	2 10	.....	.....
Springfield.....	4	40	110	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	35	45	55	25	50
Totals.....	50	565	3710	998	825	525	2613	411	877	334	1936	166	755	391	\$259 81	\$31 15	\$ 14 66	\$22 61	\$39 40	\$ 42 95	\$ 6 80

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

Ottumwa—1st Church.....	1	24	225	.....	.....	25	100	21	.....	20	600	30	.....	17	\$126 06	\$46 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 4 00	\$25 00	\$ 20 00	\$14 65
“ Main Street.....	2	22	180	.....	.....	25	100	21	.....	1	.....	75	.....	13	.....	75 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
“ Circuit.....	3	21	65	11	36	18	42	21	.....	.....	.....	62	.....	9	.....	.....	25	.....	80	.....	.....
Albia Station.....	1	19	236	75	86	75	160	19	30	.....	60	.....	.....	18	55 00	7 00	5 00	9 00	6 50	10 00	5 00
Albia Circuit.....	2	18	120	50	25	20	100	18	50	4	.....	.....	.....	12	10 00	1 00	50	50	50	50	.....
Attica.....	5	56	257	160	70	27	238	50	.....	7	.....	.....	23	.....	6 00	10	1 25	1 00	1 25	.....	.....
Bellefontaine.....	6	70	341	171	115	35	264	66	45	13	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	1 00	.....
Cedar.....	4	35	221	140	51	30	185	28	90	13	148	.....	44	18	.....	3 00	1 00	1 10	3 00	2 50	.....
Centerville.....	1	15	150	75	75	.....	112	15	56	8	.....	.....	72	14	13 15	.....	1 00	1 00	3 05	.....	5 05
Chillicothe.....	4	40	250	.....	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	1 10	.....	.....	2 00	50	2 95
East Melrose.....	2	16	150	50	50	50	100	16	25	8	.....	.....	40	10	20 19	10	.....	10	35	10	.....
Hamilton.....	5	30	225	125	75	25	200	25	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....
Jerome.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kirkville.....	2	28	220	110	70	40	150	28	45	20	150	50	75	18	24 93	14 50	1 00	.....	13 80	15 00	5 00
Knoxville.....	1	29	245	.....	70	160	.....	23	.....	100	200	.....	240	20	.....	7 50	1 00	1 15	9 00	15 00	1 00
Knoxville Circuit.....	3	10	60	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marysville.....	5	50	300	.....	.....	250	.....	50	59	150	100	.....	25	27	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unionville.....	3	23	110	44	35	31	70	23	21	10	163	30	20	8	.....	1 00	50	50	75	50	50
Total.....	50	506	3355	1011	688	446	2539	403	506	354	1421	247	604	191	\$255 33	\$157 05	\$ 16 60	\$18 35	\$68 75	\$ 65 10	\$35 15

STATISTICAL REPORT, NO. 2.

RECAPITULATION, BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.														BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars 15 years old and over.	Scholars un- der 15 except Infant Class.	Scholars in Infant Class.	Av'ge attend- ance Teach'rs and Scholars.	Teachers who are Church Members.	Scholars who are Church Members.	Conversions	Library Books.	S. S. Class- mates taken.	S. S. Advo- cates taken	S. S. Journals taken.	Wom'n's For- eign Mission- ary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society	Sunday School Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society.			
KEOKUK.....	45	432	3,198	1,226	854	466	2,163	443	952	420	1,487	50	617	184	\$ 136 70	\$ 31 98	\$ 17 85	\$ 10 40	\$ 31 45	\$ 33 80	\$ 16 55			
BURLINGTON.....	48	508	3,339	1,349	894	454	2,496	398	915	419	4,225	190	724	184	339 91	68 90	14 75	20 75	45 78	37 50	3 35			
MT. PLEASANT.....	49	554	3,786	857	751	558	1,966	351	652	388	952	104	860	158	96 66	60 90	9 33	17 50	38 95	20 35	2 10			
MUSCATINE.....	42	468	3,782	1,141	795	554	2,743	417	1,184	281	3,182	325	545	298	282 33	23 45	14 35	11 05	35 33	35 88	6 95			
OSKALOOSA.....	50	565	3,710	998	825	525	2,613	411	877	334	1,936	166	755	391	259 81	31 15	14 66	22 61	39 40	42 95	6 80			
OTTUMWA.....	50	506	3,355	1,011	688	446	2,539	403	506	354	1,421	247	604	191	255 33	157 05	16 60	18 35	68 75	65 10	35 15			
Total this year.....	284	3033	21,170	6,582	4,810	3003	14,520	2,423	5,089	2196	13,203	1082	4105	1406	1,370 74	\$373 43	\$ 87 54	\$100 66	\$259 66	\$ 235 58	\$ 70 90			
Total last year.....	284	3080	20,691	7,667	4,852	3091	14,030	2,410	4,418	1223	21,600	.....	4826	1600	1,366 21	300 85	81 52	119 45	309 47	428 60	167 17		
Increase.....	.....	.....	479	.....	.....	.....	490	13	671	973	.....	1082	.....	.....	4 53	\$ 72 58	\$ 6 02	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	47	.....	1,085	42	88	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,397	.....	721	194	.....	.....	.....	\$ 18 79	\$ 49 81	\$ 193 02	\$ 96 27

VIII.—APPOINTMENTS.

NOTE.—The Deacons are indicated by a *, and the Probationers by a †. The figures denote the number of years in the appointment.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.—T. E. CORKHILL, P. E., 1.

Keokuk, Chatham Square—J. T. Simmons, 2.	Drakeville—A. W. Haines, 1.
Keokuk, First Church—W. N. Groome*, 2.	Independent—L. C. Carroll, 2.
Bentonsport—C. W. Shephard, 1.	Keosauqua—T. Stephenson, 2.
Birmingham—J. W. Cheney, 3.	Lebanon—J. Gassner, 1.
Bloomfield—G. W. Byrkit, 1.	Milton—W. E. Patterson, 1.
Bloomfield Circuit—J. W. Wright, 2.	Montrose—J. F. Robertson†, 1.
Bonaparte—J. Craig, 1.	Moulton—J. S. Freeland, 2.
Cincinnati—J. Hunter, 3.	Troy—Frank W. Adams†, 1.
	Winchester—C. D. Fawcett†, 1.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—J. B. BLAKENEY, P. E., 2.

Burlington, Division Street—J. C. Brown, 1.	Kossuth—T. J. Myers, 1.
Burlington, Old Zion—C. B. Clark, 2.	Marshall—E. J. Pike, 1.
Burlington, South—N. Wells, 1.	Morning Sun—G. M. Tuttle, 3.
Burlington Circuit—M. See, 1.	Mount Pleasant Circuit—S. S. Murphy, 3.
Ainsworth—O. P. Light, 1.	New London—J. C. Kendrick, 1.
Canaan—A. Robinson, 3.	Wapello—A. Kershaw*, 1.
Columbus City and Coneville—J. H. Hugans, 1.	West Point—P. F. Holtzinger, 3.
Danville—I. N. Busby, 2.	Winfield—J. G. Thompson, 2.
Fort Madison—B. F. Karns, 1.	Mediapolis—M. Bamford, 1.

MOUNT PLEASANT DISTRICT.—J. WHEELER, P. E., 1.

Mount Pleasant—F. W. Evans, 3.	Martinsburg—H. F. Pugh, 2.
Agency City—R. B. Allender, 2.	Richland—J. S. Ferguson, 2.
Batavia—J. B. Hill, 2.	Richwoods—To be supplied.
Brighton—J. L. King, 1.	Salem—G. H. Clark, 2.
Fairfield—J. Haynes, 1.	Sigourney—C. S. Cooper, 2.
Fairfield Circuit—J. T. Coleman, 1.	Washington—J. C. W. Cox, 1.
Keota—W. I. Miller, 1.	Webster—J. Davis, 1.
Lexington—J. R. Reasoner, 1.	

W. J. Spaulding, President of the Iowa Wesleyan University, 3; G. W. F. Willey*, Professor in the German College, 4; and members of Mount Pleasant Quarterly Conference.

Ira O. Kemble, Principal of Preparatory Department of the Iowa Wesleyan University; and member of Albia Quarterly Conference.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.—I. A. BRADRIK, P. E., 2.

Muscatine—G. N. Power, 2.
Muscatine Circuit—A. V. Francis, 3.
Blue Grass—S. H. Thomas, 3.
Kosta—R. A. Carnine, 1.
Lettsville—D. C. Bevan, 1.
Lone Tree—C. S. Jennis, 2.
Marengo—D. Murphy, 1.
Millersburg—R. J. Kenyon, 1.
Oxford—D. A. Watters*, 1.

Pleasant Hill—O. C. Shelton, 1.
Riverside and Richmond—W. H. Hon n, 2.
Sweetland Center—A. McClintock, 2.
Tiffin—E. Sampson, 1.
Victor—J. B. Hardy, 1.
West Liberty—J. W. Chaffin, 1.
Williamsburg—J. M. Mann, 2.
Wilton—U. B. Smith, 1.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—D. C. SMITH, P. E., 3.

Oskaloosa, 1st Church—W. H. H. Pillsbury, 2.
Oskaloosa, Simpson—W. F. Cowles, 1.
Brooklyn—W. G. Thorn, 3.
Beacon—W. R. Stryker*, 1.
Eddyville—T. C. Miller, 1.
Grinnell—E. L. Briggs, 1.
Kellogg—C. P. Reynolds, 1.
Lynnville—C. Morey, 1.
Malcom—A. V. Kendrick, 2.
Montezuma—B. F. Shane, 3.

New Sharon—S. R. Ferguson, 1.
Newton—E. L. Schreiner, 1.
Newton Circuit—J. M. Coats, 3.
North Newton Circuit—E. P. Michener, 2.
Otley—Supplied by John Butler, 1.
Pella—J. W. Robinson, 2.
Granville & Peoria—L. O. Housel, 2.
Springfield—A. C. Keeler*, 2.
Rose Hill—J. A. Cooke†, 1.
Searsboro—Supplied by S. C. Smith, 1.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.—B. MARK, P. E., 2.

Ottumwa, 1st Church—J. W. McDonald, 2.
Ottumwa, Main St.—I. P. Teter, 2.
Ottumwa Circuit—S. S. Martin†, 1.
Albia—C. L. Stafford, 1.
Albia Circuit—C. H. Montgomery, 1.
Attica—W. H. H. Smith, 1.
Cedar—G. Nulton, 1.
Centerville—H. E. Wing, 1.

Chillicothe—C. R. Norton, 1.
Durham—J. Potter, 2, & S. T. Ludwick†, 1.
East Melrose—D. T. Monroe, 1.
Jerome—J. H. Hard*, 1.
Kirkville—W. I. Graham†, 1.
Knoxville—J. G. Barton, 2.
Marysville—A. R. Jones, 1.
Unionville—John Orr, 2.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND RECORD.

1877.

NAMES.	Entered Itinerancy.	CONFERENCE.	Entered Iowa Conference	P. O. ADDRESS.	COUNTY.
Adams, Frank W.....	1877	Iowa.....	1877	Troy.....	Davis.....
Allender, Richard B....	1854	".....	1854	Agency City.....	Wapello.....
Bamford, Morris.....	1871	".....	1871	Mediapolis.....	Des Moines.....
Barton, James G.....	1868	".....	1868	Knoxville.....	Marion.....
Bevan, David C.....	1871	".....	1871	Lettsville.....	Lonisa.....
Blakeney, James B.....	1852	West Virginia.....	1870	Burlington.....	Des Moines.....
Bradrick, Isaiah A.....	1851	Ohio.....	1856	Mt Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Briggs, Elias L.....	1851	Iowa.....	1851	Grinnell.....	Poweshiek.....
Brown, John C.....	1853	Pittsburg.....	1865	Burlington.....	Des Moines.....
Burgess, John.....	1844	North Ohio.....	1858	Keokuk.....	Lee.....
Busby, Isaac N.....	1868	Iowa.....	1868	Danville.....	Des Moines.....
Byrkit, George W.....	1857	".....	1857	Bloomfield.....	Davis.....
Carnine, Robert A.....	1873	".....	1873	Kosta.....	Iowa.....
Carrier, Marcus.....	1851	Oneida.....	1857	Albia.....	Monroe.....
Carroll, Lafayette C....	1874	Iowa.....	1874	Hickory.....	Van Buren.....
Chaffin, John W.....	1848	Wesleyan.....	1870	West Liberty.....	Muscatine.....
Cheney, Joseph W.....	1869	Iowa.....	1869	Birmingham.....	Van Buren.....
Clark, Charles B.....	1864	".....	1864	Burlington.....	Des Moines.....
Clark, George H.....	1851	".....	1851	Salem.....	Henry.....
Coats, James M.....	1860	".....	1860	Newton.....	Jasper.....
Coleman, James T.....	1847	".....	1847	Fairfield.....	Jefferson.....
Cook, Joseph A.....	1877	".....	1877	Rose Hill.....	Mahaska.....
Cooper, Charles S.....	1871	Missouri.....	1874	Sigonney.....	Keokuk.....
Corkhill, Thomas E.....	1851	Iowa.....	1851	Mt Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Cowles, William F.....	1843	Michigan.....	1851	Oskaloosa.....	Mahaska.....
Coxe, J C Watson.....	1864	Vermont.....	1874	Washington.....	Washington.....
Craig, Jesse.....	1845	Pittsburg.....	1855	Bonapart.....	Van Buren.....
Craver, Samuel P.....	1875	Iowa.....	1875	Guanajuato.....	Mexico.....
Davis, John.....	1869	New Connect'n, Can..	1871	Webster.....	Keokuk.....
Evans, F W.....	1851	Iowa.....	1851	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Fawcett, Colenson D....	1877	".....	1877	Winchester.....	Van Buren.....
Ferguson, John S.....	1865	".....	1865	Richland.....	Keokuk.....
Ferguson, Samuel R....	1872	Des Moines.....	1874	New Sharon.....	Mahaska.....
Francis, Arthur V.....	1872	Iowa.....	1872	Muscatine.....	Muscatine.....
Freeland, John S.....	1871	West Virginia.....	1876	Monlton.....	Appanoose.....
Gassner, Joseph.....	1836	Ohio.....	1854	Lebanon.....	Van Buren.....
Graham, William I.....	1877	Iowa.....	1877	Kirkville.....	Wapello.....
Groome, William N.....	1874	".....	1874	Keokuk.....	Lee.....
Haines, Aaron W.....	1869	".....	1869	Drakeville.....	Davis.....
Hard, Jacob H.....	1875	".....	1875	Jerome.....	Appanoose.....
Hardy, Joshua B.....	1843	Rock River.....	1844	Victor.....	Iowa.....
Harris, John.....	1845	Iowa.....	1845	Corning.....	Adams.....
Hayden, John.....	1841	Rock River.....	1844	Libertyville.....	Jefferson.....
Haynes, James.....	1855	Iowa.....	1855	Omaha.....	Nebraska.....
Haynes, John.....	1857	".....	1857	Fairfield.....	Jefferson.....
Hestwood, Samuel.....	1853	".....	1853	Victor.....	Iowa.....
Hill, John B.....	1852	West Virginia.....	1857	Batavia.....	Jefferson.....
Holland, Benjamin.....	1853	Iowa.....	1853	Mt Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Holtzinger, Peter F....	1843	Ohio.....	1854	West Point.....	Lee.....
Honn, William H.....	1867	Iowa.....	1867	Richmond.....	Washington.....
Housel, Lauren O.....	1873	".....	1873	Granville.....	Mahaska.....
Hugans, John W.....	1875	West Virginia.....	1877	Columbus City.....	Lonisa.....
Hunter, James.....	1873	Iowa.....	1873	Cincinnati.....	Appanoose.....
Hurt, William S.....	1874	".....	1874	Bonapart.....	Van Buren.....

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Jennis, Chesly S.....	1859	Iowa	1859	Atalissa.....	Muscatine.....
Johnson, Allen W.....	1843	Rock River.....	1844	Dudley.....	Wapello.....
Jones, Alvin R.....	1872	Iowa	1872	Marysville.....	Marion.....
Karns, Benjamin F.....	1871	"	1871	Fort Madison.....	Lee.....
Keeler, Augustus C.....	1873	"	1873	Springfield.....	Keokuk.....
Kemble, Ira O.....	1865	"	1865	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Kendrick, Americus V.....	1873	"	1873	Malcom.....	Poweshiek.....
Kendrick, John C.....	1869	"	1869	New London.....	Henry.....
Kenyon, Randall J.....	1867	"	1867	Millersburg.....	Iowa.....
Kershaw, Andrew.....	1874	"	1874	Wapello.....	Louisa.....
King, James L.....	1870	"	1870	Brighton.....	Washington.....
Kirkpatrick, Thos. M.....	1837	Rock River.....	1844	Baker.....	Jefferson.....
Light, Oliver P.....	1852	Illinois.....	1867	Ainsworth.....	Washington.....
Ludwick, Silas T.....	1877	Iowa.....	1877	Durham.....	Marion.....
Mann, James M.....	1866	"	1866	Williamsburg.....	Iowa.....
Mark, Banner.....	1846	Ohio.....	1860	Oskaloosa.....	Mahaska.....
Martin, Sebern S.....	1877	Iowa.....	1877	Ottumwa.....	Wapello.....
McClintock, Alfred.....	1865	Upper Iowa.....	1870	Sweetland Center.....	Muscatine.....
McCutchen, James H.....	1839	Ohio.....	1857	New Boston.....	Lee.....
McDonald, J. Wilbur.....	1866	Iowa.....	1866	Ottumwa.....	Wapello.....
McDowell, Joseph.....	1830	Ohio.....	1849	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Michener, Enoch P.....	1872	Iowa.....	1872	Newton.....	Jasper.....
Miller, Thomas C.....	1870	"	1870	Eddyville.....	Wapello.....
Miller, William I.....	1866	"	1866	Keota.....	Keokuk.....
Monroe, David T.....	1871	"	1871	East Melrose.....	Monroe.....
Montgomery, Chas. H.....	1873	"	1873	Albia.....	Monroe.....
Morey, Cyrus.....	1851	West Virginia.....	1855	Lynnville.....	Jasper.....
Murphy, Dennis.....	1858	Iowa	1858	Marengo.....	Iowa.....
Murphy, Samuel S.....	1868	"	1868	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Myers, Thomas J.....	1869	"	1869	Kossuth.....	Des Moines.....
Norton, Charles R.....	1872	"	1872	Chillicothe.....	Wapello.....
Nulton, George.....	1869	"	1869	Freemont.....	Mahaska.....
Orr, John.....	1859	"	1859	Unionville.....	Appanoose.....
Patterson, William E.....	1871	"	1871	Milton.....	Van Buren.....
Pike, Elias J.....	1868	"	1868	Marshall.....	Henry.....
Pillsbury, W H H.....	1867	New Hampshire.....	1871	Oskaloosa.....	Mahaska.....
Poston, William.....	1855	Iowa	1855	Lexington.....	Washington.....
Potter, John.....	1870	"	1870	Durham.....	Marion.....
Power, George N.....	1856	"	1856	Muscatine.....	Muscatine.....
Pugh, Henry F.....	1873	"	1873	Martinsburg.....	Keokuk.....
Rankin, James J.....	1867	"	1867	Rock Bluffs.....	Nebraska.....
Reasoner, John R.....	1862	Kentucky.....	1873	Lexington.....	Washington.....
Reynolds, C. Perry.....	1853	Iowa	1853	Kelogg.....	Jasper.....
Rice, Joseph P.....	1871	S. E. Indiana.....	1873	Milton.....	Van Buren.....
Robertson, James F.....	1877	Iowa	1877	Montrose.....	Lee.....
Robinson, Anthony.....	1836	Indiana.....	1857	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Robinson, John W.....	1869	Iowa	1869	Pella.....	Marion.....
Robinson, Richard S.....	1829	Illinois.....	1854	Oskaloosa.....	Mahaska.....
Runyan, Harrison.....	1860	Iowa	1860	Marysville.....	Marion.....
Sampson, Ezekiel.....	1871	"	1871	Iowa City.....	Johnson.....
Schreiner, Edwin L.....	1865	"	1865	Newton.....	Jasper.....
See, Michael.....	1845	"	1845	Burlington.....	Des Moines.....
Shane, Benjamin F.....	1869	"	1869	Montezuma.....	Poweshiek.....
Shelton, Orville C.....	1836	Ohio.....	1852	Amish.....	Johnson.....
Shepherd, Charles W.....	1868	Iowa	1868	Bentonsport.....	Van Buren.....
Siberts, S. Wesley.....	1875	"	1875	Miraflores.....	Mexico.....
Simmons, John T.....	1856	"	1856	Keokuk.....	Lee.....
Smith, David C.....	1864	"	1864	Oskaloosa.....	Mahaska.....
Smith, Uriah B.....	1867	"	1867	Wilton.....	Muscatine.....
Smith, W. H. H.....	1868	"	1868	Attica.....	Marion.....
Spaulding, Wesley J.....	1854	Indiana.....	1856	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Stafford, Charles L.....	1870	Iowa	1870	Albia.....	Monroe.....
Stephenson, Thomas.....	1864	S. Illinois.....	1867	Keosauqua.....	Van Buren.....
Stryker, Almond W.....	1850	Indiana.....	1856	Victor.....	Iowa.....
Stryker, Willey R.....	1875	Iowa	1875	Beacon.....	Mahaska.....
Swanston, George.....	1869	New Connect'n, Can..	1871	Lebanon.....	Van Buren.....
Teter, Isaac P.....	1853	Iowa	1853	Ottumwa.....	Wapello.....
Thomas, Samuel H.....	1860	"	1860	Blue Grass.....	Scott.....

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Thompson, James G....	1853	Iowa	1853	Winfield.....	Henry.....
Thorn, William G.....	1867	"	1867	Brooklyn	Poweshiek
Tuttle, George M.....	1870	Vermont	1876	Morning Sun.....	Louisa
Twining, Edward W....	1846	Iowa	1846	Washington	Washington...
Waring, Edmund H....	1849	Baltimore	1857	Altoona	Polk.....
Watters, Demis A.....	1874	Iowa	1874	Oxford	Johnson.....
Wells, Nelson.....	1854	"	1854	Burlington	Des Moines...
Wheeler, John.....	1855	North Ohio.....	1870	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Wiley, George F. W....	1874	Iowa	1874	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Wing, Henry E.....	1873	"	1873	Centerville	Appanoose.....
Woodford, Lucas C....	1848	"	1848	Davenport.....	Scott.....
Wright, J. W.....		"	1876	Bloomfield	Davis.....

SUMMARY.

Elders.....	118
Deacons.....	9
Total Members of Conference.....	127
Probationers.....	7
Total Number of Preachers.....	134
Total last year.....	133
Increase.....	1
Supernumeraries.....	7
Superannuates.....	15
Effective Preachers.....	112
Increase of Effective Preachers.....	1

SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

YEAR.	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SEC'Y.
1844.....	August 14 to August 19.....	Iowa City.....	Morris.....	.....H W Reed
1845.....	September 3 to September 8.....	Burlington	Morris....." "
1846.....	" 2 to " 7.....	Bloomington	Hamlin....." "
1847.....	" 1 to " 7.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	Waugh" "
1848.....	August 23 to August 28.....	Dubuque.....	Morris.....	.....Jos Brooks
1849.....	" 8 to " 13.....	Fort Madison.....	Janes.....	.....H W Reed
1850.....	" 7 to " 12.....	Fairfield.....	Hamlin.....	.....L Taylor
1851.....	" 6 to " 11.....	Davenport.....	Waugh .....	.....J G Dimmitt
1852.....	September 29 to October 4.....	Burlington	Ames.....	.....M H Hare
1853.....	" 28 to " 4.....	Oskaloosa.....	Scott.....	.....Jos Brooks
1854.....	" 27 to " 4.....	Dubuque.....	Morris....." "
1855.....	" 26 to " 3.....	Keokuk.....	Simpson.....	.....H W Reed
1856.....	" 24 to September 30.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	Janes.....	.....Jos Brooks
1857.....	" 23 to " 26.....	Des Moines.....	Ames....." "
1858.....	" 8 to " 14.....	Fairfield.....	Morris.....	.....E L Briggs
1859.....	" 7 to " 12.....	Muscatine.....	Simpson.....	.....EH Waring
1860.....	August 29 to " 3.....	Oskaloosa.....	Janes....." "
1861.....	" 21 to August 26.....	Burlington	Scott....." "
1862.....	September 10 to September 15.....	Washington.....	Baker" "
1863.....	" 9 to " 14.....	Newton	Ames....." "
1864.....	" 14 to " 19.....	Keokuk.....	Janes....." "
1865.....	" 27 to October 2.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	Janes....." "
1866.....	" 26 to " 1.....	Knoxville.....	Ames....." "
1867.....	" 18 to September 23.....	Ottumwa.....	Scott" "
1868.....	" 3 to " 7.....	Burlington	Janes....." "
1869.....	" 1 to " 6.....	Muscatine.....	Thomson....." "
1870.....	" 23 to October 3.....	Albia.....	Ames....." "
1871.....	October 4 to " 9.....	Mt. Pleasant	Ames....." "
1872.....	" 9 to " 14.....	Oskaloosa.....	Andrews....." "
1873.....	September 17 to September 21.....	Washington.....	Bowman" "
1874.....	" 16 to " 21.....	Bloomfield.....	Haven....." "
1875.....	" 15 to " 21.....	Keokuk.....	Merrill....." "
1876.....	" 6 to " 12.....	Ottumwa.....	Wiley .....	.....Geo N Power
1877.....	" 5 to " 10.....	Fairfield.....	Ames....." "

ADDRESS OF THE BISHOPS.

NAME.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Entered the Ministry.	Ordained Bishop.
Levi Scott.....	Odessa, Del.....	1826	1852
Mathew Simpson.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	1833	1852
Edward R. Ames.....	Baltimore, Md.....	1830	1852
Thomas Bowman.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	1839	1872
William L Harris.....	New York, N. Y.....	1837	1872
Randolph S. Foster	Boston, Mass.....	1837	1872
Isaac W. Wiley.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	1851	1872
Stephen M. Merrill.....	Chicago, Ill.....	1846	1872
Edward G. Andrews.....	Des Moines, Iowa.....	1848	1872
Gilbert Haven.....	Atlanta, Georgia.....	1851	1872
Jesse T. Peck.....	Syracuse, N. Y.....	1832	1872

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GEO. N. POWER, Secretary.